



# The Archway

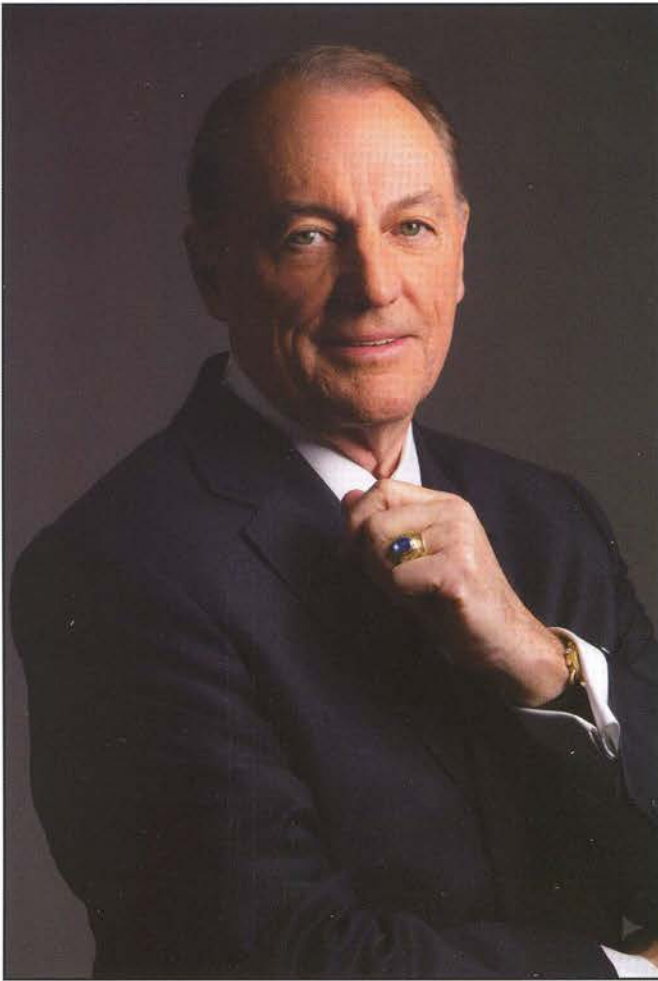
Commencement Edition 2018







## From the President



Dear Members of the Bryant University Class of 2018,

Congratulations! As you process through Bryant's iconic Archway on Commencement day, to receive your diploma and take the next steps on your life's path, you can be proud of your hard work and achievements. Whatever your passion may lead you, your Bryant education has prepared you to make a difference as an innovative leader with character.

You have demonstrated talent, curiosity, creativity, collegiality, grit, and perseverance. You have also developed the qualities of character that are absolutely crucial for success in life. These qualities will sustain you in good times and guide you through challenges as well. You have studied diligently, enhanced your talents through internships and student life opportunities, and helped others through community service. Your contributions are a source of great pride to the faculty and staff.

Graduation marks an important transition in your relationship with your alma mater. In the years ahead, you and this institution will share a significant responsibility. At Bryant, we will continue to boldly step forward with strategic goals that enhance the value of a Bryant degree, and increase the competitive advantage of your diploma. And as a new member of the Bryant Alumni Association, a powerful network of more than 45,000 accomplished men and women, we expect you will remain engaged in the life of our community. Please take this responsibility seriously by encouraging new applications to Bryant, providing internship or

career opportunities to our students, attending alumni events, cheering our athletic teams, and participating in the success of our historic capital campaign, ***Expanding the World of Opportunity: The Campaign for Bryant's Bold Future.***

Kati and I, and the entire Bryant community – our trustees, faculty, and staff – are proud of your achievements and confident about your future. You have been an exceptional class, and we thank you for all you have contributed to the University. As you leave campus, I know that you will build upon the extraordinary foundation your Bryant education has provided. We extend our very best wishes for a lifetime of success and fulfillment.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Machtle  
President



The Archway staff with the guidance of our incredible advisor have put together this year's edition of The Commencement Edition to honor the 155th Undergraduate Commencement ceremony. Commencement is a very special time for the 800 seniors that get to celebrate their hard work and dedication to their university over the past four years.

Following tradition, this year's Commencement Edition includes reflections from selected seniors who will leave Bryant having positively impacted their fellow students and the entire Bryant community. The edition also includes farewells and special thanks from Professor Allison Butler and Operations Manager of the Fisher Student Center Rich Dankel. These faculty and staff selections were clear choices due to how much the Bryant community relies on their presence and insights to create well-rounded students.

With evolving publishing trends, the traditional student yearbook has been phased out. In an effort to preserve a physical representation of the entire senior class, The Archway included senior portraits of those students choosing to take them. We hope that through this collection of photos that our class can remain connected and keep alive the memories we have shared together. We hope that we can continue this photo section of The Archway Commencement Edition for years to come.

As graduating seniors ourselves, it was really a pleasure and an honor to work on the final publication that focuses on the senior class. We all have grown so much since we stepped onto campus move-in day back in 2014, and we know we all will continue to grow as we take on whatever the future brings. We hope you enjoy this year's Commencement Edition, and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Your Editors-in-Chief, Kaitlyn Graham & Hayley Wilcox

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## Walking through The Archway... a Commencement Tradition

In addition to receiving diplomas on Commencement day, students have another way of symbolizing the completion of their Bryant education: walking through the Archway. The story of the Archway dates back to 1905. Isaac Gifford Ladd, an associate of Charles Schwabb and famous U.S. steel tycoon, constructed a \$1 million building which contained the iron arch on Young Orchard Avenue on the east side of Providence. This building was meant to be a sign of his endearment to his newlywed wife.

However, his wife expressed hatred for the structure which was named after her. Taking this as personal rejection, Ladd took his own life. The building remained unoccupied until Thomas Marsden transformed it into Hope Hospital, which was part of the Bryant-Stratton College, renamed Bryant College. To provide more space for classes, an addition was constructed and Hope Hospital was renamed South Hall.

In October of 1967, Earl Silas Tupper, inventor of Tupperware, donated his 392 acre hillside Smithfield estate to Bryant College for the creation of the new campus. To thank Tupper for his generous gift, Bryant named the campus after him and awarded him an honorary degree. Four years later, in the fall of 1971, the campus moved

to Smithfield. Prior to leaving the Hope Street campus, the wrought-iron arch at the entrance to South Hall was transported to the new campus.

Today, the Archway remains the only physical link to the Providence campus. Frank Delmoncio, then Vice President for Business Affairs, and Robert Hillier, architect of the Tupper campus and designer of the sign for the front entrance, relocated the Archway between the two ponds en route to the Unistrukture.

After the Archway was transferred from the old campus, students immediately began to avoid passing through this out-of-place structure. As rumor had it, walking through the Archway before graduation mysteriously jeopardized chances of graduating. Since this is quite a large price to pay for not following tradition, most students opted not to take the chance, which resulted in worn dirt paths around the arch.

After 17 years of worn paths, the graduating class of 1987 donated a brick pathway built around the sacred arch. This tradition has shaped the behavior of thousands of Bryant University students on Tupper campus for the past 46 years.





# Nicole Salzano

On behalf of Nicole,

Nicole, her family and friends are excited that she can be featured in The Archway Commencement Edition. Nicole has had a very active role in the Bryant community over the past four years and is very excited to be joining her classmates at graduation. In her time at Bryant, Nicole has been a very hardworking and highly accomplished student. She is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a degree in accounting and a minor in mathematics and communications. In addition to being an exemplary student, Nicole was a top point scorer and two-time captain of the Bryant Women's Swim & Dive Team. Her leadership in and out of the pool helped drive her team to their first North East Conference Championship title this February. Though Nicole faced an incredibly difficult and abrupt setback during this time, her courage and strength inspired her team to continue with their championship meet and win a conference title.

Nicole has always had an incredible work ethic and unwavering drive for every task she sets her mind to. She has grown into a very mature, strong willed and confident young woman in her time at Bryant. The love and support that the Bryant community had and continues to show for Nicole this semester is an incredible testament to the type person she is. Her presence on campus and the friendships she has made over the years stretch far beyond Bryant. Seeing individuals, schools, teams and supporters from around the country come together to support her was amazing to witness and truly shows how loved she is.

The combination of Nicole's character along with the support from those who love her has helped Nicole to continue to make strides in her recovery. Her progress and continued determination is an inspiration to many. Nicole has a very bright future and will surely be successful and motivated with whatever she sets her mind to. The love and care from the Bryant University community continue to serve as a motivator in her progress through recovery.

-Mackenzie Kirk





During the final weeks as seniors, we have been talking to our friends about our time together at Bryant. My roommate and I were recently reminiscing on all we have accomplished over the past four years. It was during this conversation that I realized college is what you make it. We are all extremely fortunate to have attended Bryant University. Bryant has provided us with many opportunities that other college universities do not, but it was up to us to take advantage of what Bryant provided us all. As we sit here today patiently waiting for our major, and our name to be called, so we can proudly walk across that stage, think about your experiences at Bryant. Did you learn something? Did you meet new people? Did you try something new? Did you get involved in the Bryant community? What did you make of your experience?

For me personally, I couldn't be happier with my experiences at Bryant. Bryant has allowed me to achieve many of my goals, and has given me the tools to become successful, not only in my future career, but in life. One of my many life goals is to travel and explore the world. Being a student-athlete, who competes during both semesters, it was impossible for me to study abroad for a semester. Thankfully, Bryant offers the SIE program in the summer. This gave me the opportunity to achieve my goal of wanting to travel, and it gave me the opportunity to learn about a new culture, meet new people, try new foods and make new friends. I will carry the memories I made on SIE with me forever. Another goal of mine in college was to get involved in my community. Being a full time student-athlete does not allow for a lot of 'free time' and a lot of athletes fail to get involved because of the demanding schedules of their sport. Thankfully, Bryant offers a multitude of clubs and orgs, which allowed me to get involved, but it was up to me to make the time to get involved. My freshman year I joined the Special Olympics Committee and was co-chair for Opening and Closing events. My senior year, I was Director for the Special Olympics RI Day of Games. I wanted to be involved in my community, and I wanted to be a leader and friend to my peers, so during my junior year I got involved as a LEARN weekend facilitator. As a facilitator, I spent a weekend away at a retreat in CT helping others learn leadership skills and learn more about themselves. I think I learned more about myself during this experience than I helped others learn about themselves.

Due to the amazing professors at Bryant, I was able to learn everything I need to become successful. During my time at Bryant, I was fortunate enough to receive two internships, both of which I received from my professors. During one of these, I was able to work on campus during the summer in the Psychology lab as a research fellow with my professor, as she progressed on her own individual

research. The other internship I had during my time at Bryant I received through an adjunct professor. She knew my future career goals and got me in contact with Sparadeo & Associates to learn psychological testing. Both internships put me a step ahead fellow peers applying to graduate school. Due to the connections I made at Bryant, my professors help, and my internships, I was fortunate enough to be accepted in St. John's University School Psychology PsyD program where I will be studying for the next five years to achieve my doctorate's degree.

Bryant has been my home away from home the past four years, as it has been to all of us. We are so lucky to have lived on such a beautiful campus, filled with genuine, caring, down to earth people who are willing to do anything to help us achieve our goals. My time at Bryant has been unforgettable, and I truly believe I took full advantage of all that Bryant has to offer. As we are graduating and moving on to the next step in our lives, take a minute to reflect on all you have accomplished here at Bryant. I hope you have been able to make college the best experience for you. In 20 years from now at alumni weekend remember what Maya Angelou said, "people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." All of you here at Bryant, my fellow graduates, President and Mrs. Machtley, my professors, my mentors, and anyone I had the pleasure of getting to know over my four years, have made me feel welcomed since day one and have made me extremely proud to be a bulldog!







# Melissa Haskell

There is always a beginning....

Why am I having such difficulty finding a way to start this? What should I say? I am humbled to have been honored, but what about my story can I share to inspire others? Will I forget to thank EVERY single person who has helped or inspired me along the way?

Never did I envision I would be here nor deserve to be here; not here at Bryant, not at this point in my life. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be in this moment surrounded by peers who are half my age and who have taught me more about myself than anyone else.

Never could I have dreamed that I would have been accepted into such a prestigious business school to study for my undergraduate degree. Never did I think I would continue my education and that I would be accepted to a prestigious business school to study for my MBA.

Never had I given any thought as a parent, that my own daughter, Bryanna, would be my fellow collegiate peer. Never have I regretted allowing her to follow me to Bryant. Never have I regretted telling her that this was my school first! Never did I think that I could finish. Never has something been so very difficult. Never in my wildest dreams would I think I would be in this moment surrounded by so many friends and family members to help me celebrate these achievements.

I got here because, as I began touring schools with Bryanna, I realized what a hypocrite I was. As a single parent, I was the example that was guiding her in life and I was telling her she needed to further her education. I hadn't done it myself! I quietly resolved to myself that I would graduate with my bachelor's degree before she did. Here I am. It took action and resolve.



I often wonder how I got here after some of the adversity I have struggled with on my path. I have learned life is truly what YOU make it. When life has thrown lemons, I have held tight to even the smallest positive to reframe the situation. Call it grit, if you like.

Know that there is never a "wrong time" to try something new. If you want it, work hard to get it, whatever that may be. Always remember that someone has helped you somehow along the way. Hold tight so that when you live a full life there are many people to thank and so many ways to reciprocate moving forward. Someone will always be there. You are not alone.

Thank you to Bryant University for this profound opportunity to improve myself, my life, and to provide a better life for my children. Thank you to all of my Bryant peers, especially my brothers in Delta Sigma Pi. There are so many of you that hold such a special place in my heart. You have taught me so much about myself and even more about millennials. A special thank you to my SIE London and Paris peers for making my first international trip so special. Thank you to all the Bryant parents and family- your children are phenomenal young men and women who were a joy to work and learn alongside. It has been a joy to watch them grow into such caring and successful adults.

Thank you to Professor Coakley and the sponsors of the Women In Leadership class. The class provided an educational opportunity to harness my strengths and to learn and admire the most resilient version of me I am. Professor Coakley, I don't even know what to say other than thank you for everything that you give, I could go on for days. Thank you to Kelly Boutin for helping me turn upsets into actions of positive change and for always reminding me to not try to fit a mold I don't belong in. Thank you to Professor Wicks for being a role model for adult learning and showing me what I can still achieve. Professor Mazzuchelli, thank you for the real-world guidance. Thank you to Dean Annavarjula for believing in my future goals.

Thank you to my children, Bryanna and Cole. You are THE reason I try to be a better person every day (yes, there are tears as I write this). To Mike- without your support and love, I would not be on that stage today. Thank you for believing in all of us. Thank you to my Dad for showing me how proud you are of me for this, regardless of how long it took to get here. Thank you to Sue for being my sanity and friend through all the ups and downs. Adah- thanks for continually being a cheerleader, providing guidance, and reminding me to listen to my heart for Mum. Thank you to my Aunt Jan, Uncle Paul, Greg, Rhoda, Mrs. R, and Heather for continually reminding me to keep on going and how proud you are of me.

There is one last person I would like to thank- my Mum. My Mum taught me so much about resilience and grit. She was a force to be reckoned with. Her strength and guidance is missed dearly each and every day. Her love and legacy is felt every day.

LOOK MUM AND DAD, I MADE IT!!

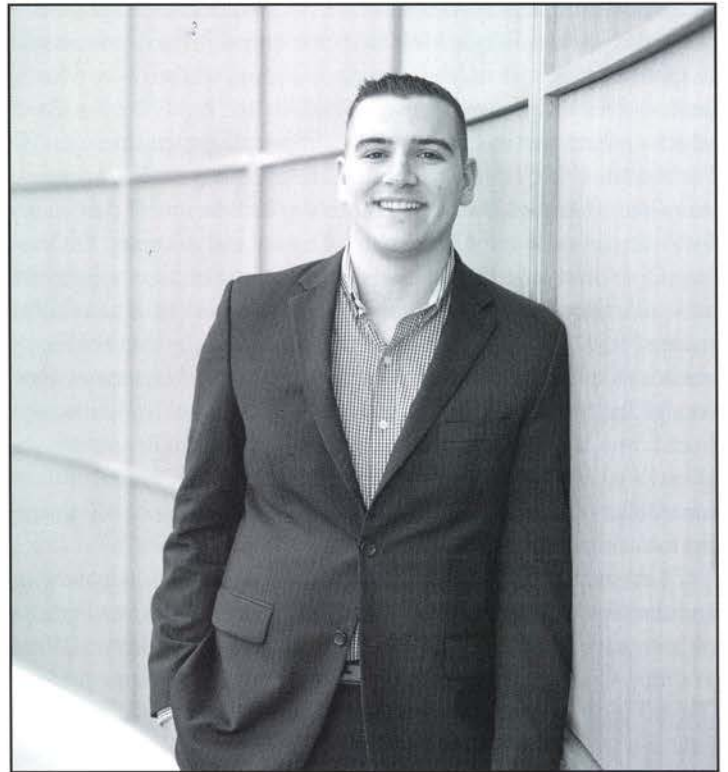


Whether I am writing for an assignment or for my own personal endeavors, I genuinely enjoy it and have been told by friends and professors that I'm rather good at it. But if that's the case, then why am I having such great difficulty right now. The end of our journey at Bryant is upon us, and I have been asked to write 500-1000 words to reflect upon this period of my life. Candidly, I don't even know where to begin.

Bryant has served as the premier catalyst for my personal growth over these past four years, specifically through my involvement in different organizations. The first organization I joined as a freshman was Student Ambassadors, where my role was to give tours to prospective students. However, I quickly realized that my inability to walk backwards and talk at the same time severely hindered my effectiveness. Since my mom always tells my dad he cannot multi-task, I figured it just ran in the family. Thus, I retired from Ambassadors, walking into the proverbial sunset, after my sophomore year. I was also involved in Student Government. Whether it was through funding organizations, representing and defending students as a Student Senator, or serving in an advisory capacity as the Chief Justice, I found my experiences valuable, rewarding, and fun. I could continue rambling about Student Government by talking about petitions, bylaws, and all that fun stuff, but I know those reading this want me to move on.

One of the organizations I want to dive deeper into is my position on the Special Olympics Committee, whose primary responsibility was to coordinate a Day of Games in May. To embody my experience, I would like to share a story from two years ago when I was volunteering at the track events. As five athletes took their marks, about to embark on a 100m dash, one athlete was upset because he could not find his sister before the race. As the bell rang he stood motionless, overwhelmed that his sister wasn't with him. Suddenly, I heard cheering from the crowd of students; volunteers were cheering the boy on, encouraging him to run. Just as the boy's tears began to subside, I heard the crowd's cheering turn to a thunderous applause as a girl, only 5 or 6 years old, ran onto the track with assistance from Bryant students. It was his sister! As soon as the athlete saw his sister, he looked happier than me at an all you can eat sushi bar and he sprinted to the finish line with a grin from ear to ear. Seeing that athlete's smile and knowing that Bryant students took a part in it is one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my life. Bryant provides ample opportunity to help others and Special Olympics is one of the most vital avenues to do so. Experiences like these, where students have the ability to positively impact the lives of others, are where I find the most value in my time at Bryant.

I would be remiss to not talk about the paramount aspect of my time at Bryant University; the time spent with my friends. To all my roommates, to my intramural teams, to the people I met in classes or organizations, and to everyone else that I've had the privilege of getting to know, I have several things to say to all of you. Thank you for wandering around the townhouses with me late at night and thank you for getting Ronzio's at 2:00 AM. Thank you for all the fun in intramural flag football, basketball, and softball. Thank you for introducing me to Thai food and thank you for playing video games with me until 3:00 AM. Thank you for all the good times watching



sports and thank you for always ensuring I would come in second place in our fantasy football league (the pain is still raw). Thank you for helping me with my schoolwork and thank you for encouraging me to put myself out there, to try new things, and to meet new people. Thank you for watching every Marvel movie with me and thank you for those 4:00AM talks about life by the pond, the football field, or even in our rooms. Lastly, thank you for caring about me and thank you for always being there for me when times inevitably got tough.

I can only hope that I was half as good of a friend to all of you as you were to me. I know life will take us in a variety of different directions, but I need you all to know that I will always be there for you as you have been for me these past four years. Just because we aren't in college anymore doesn't mean I won't have your back, because I always will. Building relationships with all of you is by far the most meaningful aspect of my time at Bryant. I call you all my friends but I truly consider you all family.

It feels like just yesterday my parents were saying their emotional farewells as *Forever Young* by Rod Stewart played in the background. I remember my hands shaking as I said goodbye and wondering how I was going to survive here knowing next to no one. Fast forward to today and I am graduating *Magna Cum Laude* with concentrations in Human Resource Management and Psychology. Furthermore, I have accepted a role as member of the HR Development Program at Liberty Mutual Insurance. Not only has Bryant done an incredible job of preparing me for my future, but it has also done an exemplary job helping me grow as an individual. Thank you to everyone who has positively impacted me the past four years. Specifically, thank you to my Mom and Dad for the opportunity to attend this incredible university and for their unwavering support. And lastly, to all my fellow Bryant University Class of 2018 graduates - Congratulations!





# Briana Nisbet

I can't even begin to describe how many times I have been asked "How did you know Bryant was the place for you?" The simple answer is a little strange and maybe even unorthodox: I didn't. I feel like no one can ever truly know if they are making the right decision about which university to attend until they are actually in the thick of it all. For me, the thick of it all has shown up countless times in my four years here at Bryant University. From the excitement felt during my first campus visits at the Scholarship Dinner and Accepted Students Day Open House to that overwhelming feeling of accomplishment and pride upon walking out of the AIC after my last final as a college student. It's safe to say that I have had more than my share of happy memories at this beautiful place and they have been more than enough for justifying why I chose Bryant University as my home away from home. It seems silly now that I ever questioned if Bryant was the place for me. The experiences I have had here have altered my life in more ways than one, and I know that those experiences will propel me forward to a bright future.

I came to Bryant my freshmen year with an ROTC scholarship, and therefor was already a part of one of the most influential groups on campus and across the country. ROTC, or the Reserve Officer Training Corps, is an elective that I took in addition to my other classes. Its purpose is to give the future officers and leaders of the United States Army the correct tools, training, and experiences that will help them succeed in any competitive environment. Being a part of ROTC as a freshman gave me an instant group of friends that included freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Throughout my four years, these friends have turned into family. As cliché as it sounds, this group of people have become my brothers and sisters, and more specifically for the new freshmen cadets: my unofficial children (they even call me 'Mom'). It's amazing to think about the true impact that Bryant ROTC has had on my life. I began my freshmen year as a shy female cadet who was nervous to lead others. Now, as a graduating senior, I have been my Battalion's Platoon Sergeant, Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer. These positions allowed me to practice and hone my leadership skills and I am proud to say that I now have a leadership style that I can call my own.

In addition to ROTC, there was another group of people that shaped my life at Bryant: The Women's Rugby Team. I joined the team on an impulse after I saw a small flyer in my residence hall lobby about tryouts. I remember asking my roommate, Abby, if she thought it was a good idea for me to play. She said, "Why not?! Give it a shot for just one practice and see how it fits." To this day I am so thankful that I took Abby's advice. The rugby team wasn't just an ordinary fit; it was a perfect fit. It was so beautiful to see a sport like rugby bring a bunch of random strangers together and turn them into a winning team. During my time playing, rugby filled my heart with hysterical (and sometimes painful) memories of practices, team dinners, games, and tournaments. Another tidbit that rugby gave me was the importance of balance. You can only succeed in this sport if you work as a team AND understand the delicate relationship between the forwards and the backs. These two types of positions need to harmoniously work together for the team to be successful. I believe that the same goes for school and for life. As a student, ROTC cadet, and club sports athlete, I had to learn very early on the importance of balance and



multitasking. I won't lie to you and say that it was all easy; it wasn't. But the support I felt from my coach and teammates got me through even the toughest of times. I felt such a great sense of honor and pride whenever I stepped on to the field wearing the Bryant uniform, and that is something that I will not soon forget.

The next phase of my Bryant transformation began at the start of my second semester during sophomore year when I decided to pledge Delta Zeta Sorority. What I love about DZ is that it's a safe place to land when life gets a little hard. I saw this quote somewhere about sorority sisters and it couldn't be more true. It said, "sisters are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering to fly." In ROTC I found myself surrounded by male cadets who were and are amazing friends to me. But let's face it, every woman needs her girlfriends. I love Delta Zeta because it has allowed me to be surrounded by intelligent and confident women who remind me how to be a strong woman, and how to fly again.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me through my time here at Bryant. I had professors and mentors in almost every facet of my Bryant career. They helped shape me into the person I am today and taught me more than I ever thought possible. My friends, both old and new, made my years here absolutely amazing and more fun and exciting than I could have dreamt possible. Lastly, I would like to thank my family: my mom, dad, and sister (who actually attends Bryant as part of the Class of 2019!). Whether it was calling home because I missed them to hanging out with my sister in my townhouse until the sun comes up, they made my time here at Bryant go by in the blink of an eye. I have no doubt that Bryant University was the right school for me, and I couldn't be happier or more excited to share Commencement day with the rest of the Class of 2018.



# Elena Grigeevich

## Class of 2018

To put my time into so few words is very tough for me because I have had so many great moments on this campus. But to start at the beginning, I would have to go back to my birth; I was born into a Bryant family, where the only Festival of Lights I missed was the one on my day of birth, December 4th, 1996. Since then, I came to Bryant for so many alumni events, due to my father's involvements. I knew this campus like the back of my hand before I made it to double digits. For the most part, I also knew my whole life that I would do my higher education at Bryant College, but the first time that was actually written down was on a dream board I made in the third grade.

I will never forget my first day on the Bryant University campus as a student, I moved to Bryant the last week of August, due to my being on the dance team. I was walking back to my dorm from a team meeting in the Chace Center where I ran into First Lady Katie Machtley (who I have known since she came onto campus). She stopped me, gave me a hug and said "Elena, we knew you would always come here" and it warms my heart that I started my four-year career here that way. So here I was, the confident freshman that wore her lanyard around her neck and knew the campus so well already, except Fisher, which I was shocked to see had changed from the old version, into the beautiful way it is now.

I joined many clubs due to the opportunities and chances I was given to express my love for a variety of things in so many different ways. Over the course of the last few years, I sat on many executive boards; Public Relations and President of the Bryant Outdoor Adventure Club, Developmental Chair of Bryant Economic Student Association, "Wizard" of BESA, Vice President of Public Relations of the Student Alumni Association, Treasurer of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Editor and Historian of Alpha Sigma Alpha. I also founded my own club in 2016, the Bryant Bulldog Think Tank, and worked hard to turn it into an official club as of this April.

I say this all the time to anyone that will listen, Bryant University gives you so many opportunities that no other school could possibly give to you. That is due to the people; everyone here will do everything they can to see you succeed. I luckily found a friend group that could deal with my craziness and big dreams, along with faculty and staff that provided insight and comfort when I needed it. To the facilities members that I have met in my halls over the course of the three years I lived up in suite village, to the staff at the Bryant Krupp Library where I worked over the course of four years, to the professors that I have had that cared so much about me that still check in on me, thank you. Bryant is my home and always will be. I will still send post cards to Rene, Dennis, and Roland in the library until they retire, and to the post office ladies that I have gotten to know so well due to my excessive online purchases. If I needed a friendly face to talk with and get things that were troubling me off my chest, I would go to either of those places because they wouldn't judge me and provided me comfort when I needed it. I also got the nickname "Snoopy" from the guys in the library and got into a paper war; friendships like this I will remember forever.

Majoring in male dominated fields and being a woman can often be tough, but luckily Bryant has female professors in nearly each department who make a huge impact on those of us in them.

For me one of those professors is Professor Allison Kaminaga, who is an amazing economic professor that I took an extra econ class just to have her. On the first day of class, she walked in said "Wow, three girls this is a record" and that still makes me laugh to this day. The football office has also changed my life with opportunities that I will always be grateful for. Taking me on to do analytics, when I had no idea what I was doing, to now where I work with a group of students in a club that was just approved that has grown to over 30 members. Coach Perry, Brad Baker, and many other coaches in the office have really changed my life for the better, and I don't think I can ever repay them for what they have done. I would have never made it into an NFL Women's Forum where 49 others were chosen. Without Bryant and these opportunities, I would have probably never found, or pursued, my dreams of working for the NFL.

As I have been told many times by Professor Ratcliffe, "Successful people often know that they will be successful, they just usually do not know how." I know that Bryant has set me up to find my success one way or another. Thank you, Bryant, faculty, staff and friends. Class of 2018 we made it, be proud, this is an amazing accomplishment, I look forward to taking many pictures with some of you in front of the water volcano and under the archway!







# Christian Junquera

As I walked with my mother and grandmother into Bryant's Scholarship dinner located in the Chace Wellness Center in April 2014, my grandmother was grinning ear to ear. She later put her hand on my shoulder as we were entering the building and whispered to me "Quien nos iba a decir veintidós años después de que escapáramos de Cuba, nuestro nieto sería invitado a asistir la Universidad de Bryant con una cena de becas." In essence, my grandmother expressed that another chapter of her American Dream was about to commence with my enrollment at Bryant University. As I saw one tear escape her eyes and drip past her cheek, I was able to resonate with the concept that her successful escape attempt from Cuba had offered me the opportunity to meet others, grow personally, and receive an excellent education at Bryant University.

Fast forward five months later, and Bryant's International Business Program had welcomed me with open arms. I had enrolled into the program from the beginning because of the culture surrounding an International Business student's appreciation for a challenging curriculum and tight knit community. After spending four years with such accomplished, intelligent, and considerate individuals I say proudly that over the span of four years these students have developed into my brothers and sisters. From the beginning of freshman year, the seeds of accommodating other International Business majors were already ingrained into the program. Multiple upperclassmen had reached out via e-mail inquiring how I was assimilating to Bryant, offering certain clubs and organizations to join that aligned with my interests, and coordinating meetings with professors and students that were associated with my concentration. I felt for the first time in my life I had older siblings looking after me and caring for my personal growth and career development. After meeting other International Business students during freshman year, we would immediately exchange phone numbers and begin conversing about where we were from, our interests, and which classes we had together. These simple interactions transformed into late night study sessions in the Rotunda and Library, where we would stay up countless hours studying accounting, finance, marketing, and management. The best study sessions were supplied with late night pizza by various professors and the occasional digression to discussing our interests outside the classroom including where we would be studying abroad our junior year. The International Business Program is globally focused, as students have the unique experience to study and intern abroad in a wide array of countries. Ultimately, I studied in Bilbao, Spain where I learned the importance of appreciating the unseen depths. Behind the beautiful cobblestones that made up the Casco Viejo, regionally recognized cuisines, and globally recognized architecture, there are citizens that have enlightening stories to share. The landscapes and cities captivate our attention, away from the enriching history and wisdom the citizens have to offer. Over the next three years my International Business family and I would constantly invite each other out to eat, congratulate each other on our academic and professional achievements, and assist on certain assignments. The International Business program created a family-like atmosphere that made me feel at home and put a smile on my face no matter what challenges I was encountering at that certain moment. I personally look forward to our everlasting friendships and cannot wait for what the future holds.

It was personally important to me to return the favor of what my older International Business counterparts did for me while commencing my academic career at Bryant, which was serving as a role model that was able to assist students. Ultimately, working as a Resident Assistant my sophomore and junior year and Head Resident Assistant my senior year fulfilled the mentor and leadership role I searched for. Provided with the responsibility to act as a peer-to-peer advisor and offer valuable insight to residents meant



the world to me. I saved individuals lives, provided counselling when the challenges of life seemed difficult to endure, offered career advice, tutored finance and economics, and was always a knock on the door or text away from being of assistance. The Pro-Staff and other fellow Resident Assistants were also my other family on campus that I will miss dearly. The interactions with the Pro-Staff, constant cheerful exchanges with my fellow Resident Assistants, and large in-service meetings would comfort me with the fact that I had a group of family I can always go to and had the capability to make my day at any moment.

Four years ago, I started another chapter in my grandmother's American Dream as I commenced my undergraduate career. Today, as I walk through the archway and later receive my diploma, I will have completed that chapter through the help of Bryant. Thank you, Bryant faculty members, for investing such time and effort into my personal growth and education, which has encouraged me to pursue my aspirations. A special praise goes to the staff members that would pick up my calls with such a soothing and alleviating voice at any time during the day. A big shout out is rightfully warranted to all my fellow bulldogs who have created a familiar ambience on campus through holding doors for fellow students, smiling at colleagues, and always organizing various events for the student body. All of you have helped Bryant become my home for the past four years and I will never forget the countless memories and friends I have made in that period. I understand that it might not be easy to leave such a familiar and friendly place after four years and we may feel anxious for what the future has in store for us. For all that, we truly will not leave Bryant because it will always be in our heart and part of our identity. A better future will arise for all of us if we continue pursuing our passions, which is what Bryant has instilled in all of us.



I had never heard about Bryant initially; I was a kid from Florida who wanted to continue his career in football. When I received my first (and only) full-ride scholarship to come to Bryant, I was overcome with so much emotion I began to cry. I remember it like it was yesterday; I was with my coaches Chris Wagner and John Sammarco. Coach Fine and Coach Duker were talking on the phone with me and said "Kevin, we would love to offer you a full-ride to come and play for us here at Bryant". I began to cry and hug my head coach who truly believed in me from day one (only person outside my family who did) and saw the potential of what I can do on the field. I visited the campus in December of 2014 and knew that this was the place for me. Even though I was by myself up here and all my friends, family, and teammates would be left behind, my parents told me "This is your once-in-a-lifetime chance, go do it." Next thing you know, I am leaving on a plane for my first ever college football camp.

To be completely honest, I was not ready for the challenges I had ahead of me. I began my freshman football year with a torn ACL in day 9 of camp. Day 9. I spent a lot of time wondering why this happened to me, and in that I got furious. I began becoming envious of people playing who I thought I was better than. Along with stress, the surgery was another story. It was a low point in my life, I felt useless, clueless, and vulnerable. I had to figure out what I wanted to do. Do I leave and go home? Did I spend all the effort I have ever put in, to be a one and done quitter? No. I did not. I wouldn't let my parents down, they know and expect so much from me that I needed to keep pushing myself. Every day I spent in treatment and rehab getting better, while pushing myself to return. Finally returning, I thought I had it made. I came back and felt good, but I knew I had much to learn before I could become an effective player. Not physically, but mentally.

In my sophomore season, I had a very humbling experience. I had to again watch other people playing from the sidelines. It was heart breaking. I would get in for some plays, but nothing out of this world, definitely not what I was looking for. With not playing though, I had a sort of epiphany: I had to stop doing it my way and change it up a little bit. I needed to change who I am as a person and not be selfish but think about my team first and foremost. My closest friend at the time, Matt, helped me the most (he had a way worse injury than me, but he kept pushing me on to be who I am today). Being able to wake up and naturally understand what I had to do, helped propel me into the next few years moving forward. I pushed it to the limit my junior year, earned my starting spot, and started playing like I have never played before.

In my spring semester as a junior, I began to play better and better, which all showed on the day of voting for team captains. For years I idolized captains and made it my personal goal. All the captains, especially the past ones, have mentored me and took me on. I was especially nervous because we had a new coach. I busted my behind to show I am worthy and on that fateful day, Coach Perry said: "Congratulations to our captains this year, Dillon Guthro (my now best friend) and Kevin Lazo". I felt a weightlessness, my friends and teammates were congratulating me and yelling, but I could not even hear them. I have never had a prouder moment in my life.

Now entering my 5th-year playing football for this amazing

university (as well as being a captain for the second year in a row) I could not be happier of what I chose. From the people in it, to the professors always being there for you, to an administration that always has your back in what you do. I absolutely love this place and am excited to continue my education here in the one-year MBA program with a focus in Global Finance. I know that people think I do it on my own, but really these people helped me all the way.

To my friends: thank you all for helping me step into the frame of what I never thought I could be. Thank you for dealing with me when I was a selfish, self-centered you know what. I will always be loyal to you guys and be forever in debt for what you guys have done for me. Special shout-out to all my guys in N10, thank you for taking me in with you guys and creating memories I will never forget. VEGAS BABY!!!!!!!

To my family: thank you Mom, Dad, and my brother Keanu for being there for me every step of the way. Mom and Dad, you continue to amaze me with all the sacrifices and hardships you go through for me and Keanu. I love you guys so much. Thank you for believing in my dreams and aspirations. All I ever wanted to do was make you proud. My year starts now! Special shout-out to Alana Phillips, I would not be here without you. I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

I love Bryant and thank Bryant for all it has given me. I BLEED BLACK AND GOLD. GO BULLDOGS!!!!!!!

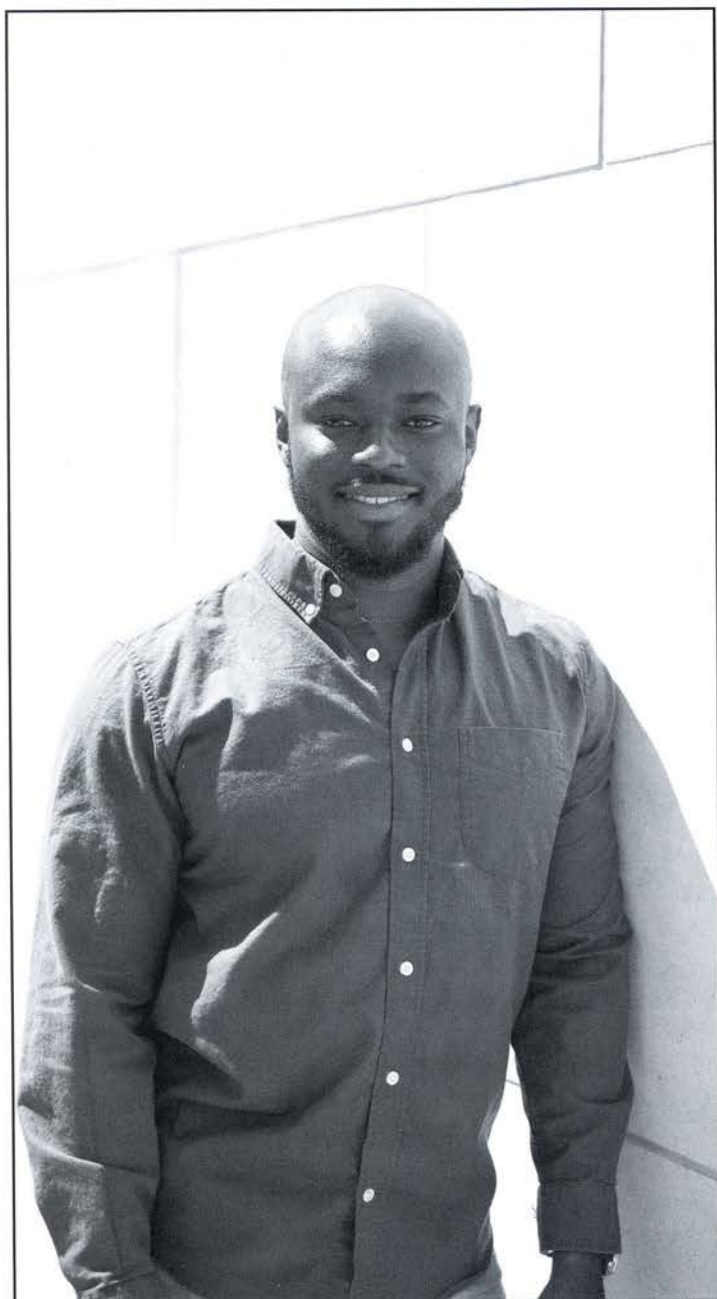






## Joseph Kistson-Mills

The Bryant community: one that consists of people from all around the globe, bringing different ideals and experiences that enable this community to not only grow, but flourish. My time at Bryant consisted of various experiences, both positive and negative. These range of experiences stem from my academic, professional, and personal pursuits. I began as a marketing major with all the enthusiasm of a new college student. I had goals of achieving academic excellence, fostering positive relationships with fellow students and faculty, and showcasing my strengths to impact the community. As idealistic as this may seem, following this course of action was much more difficult than I imagined. I fostered an amazing relationship with the directors of the PWC Center for Diversity and Inclusion



and was given the opportunity to spearhead the Bryant Organization for Student Social, with the aim of creating events for multicultural and international students to network.

I continued my pursuits by applying to be a Resident Assistant, with the hopes of broadening my scope of influence and aiding the Bulldog community in ways that aligned with the university's values. These pursuits, came with different challenges. Some of these challenges required advice from fellow peers and mentors, whilst others required a more 'hands on' approach. All of these increased my overall growth as an individual, and tested my abilities to work under pressure, amongst teams, and with strict time constraints. As I progressed and increased my knowledge, so did the challenges and workload. I remained focused and steadfast in these pursuits, sometimes encountering road blocks that swayed my motivation and work ethic. I strongly believe that Bryant University would not have the prestige and standards it has today without the students. The wealth of knowledge I gained interacting with domestic, multicultural, and international students, has had a profound effect on my outlook and understand of how individuals behave based on their cultural backgrounds and stringent beliefs.

Bryant also provided me the opportunity to network with companies such as PWC, Ernest & Young, Fidelity Investments, etc. I was also given the opportunity to work with a team on creating a business plan to solve a major issue in a developing market; we opted to solve the sporadic electricity grid of Toliara, Madagascar by incorporating a tidal barrage to harness the hydroelectric capabilities of their seas. We showcased our plan in a competition and placed second. This experience was vital in understanding entrepreneurial ventures, and utilizing finance, accounting, marketing and supply chain skills. As I continued my college career, I was pleased to be nominated to be a part of the Bryant Senior Advisory Council. This nomination showed me that my efforts did not go unnoticed and that I had a voice that was worth listening to.

I am honored to be graduating with the Class of 2018, and even more honored to have been taught by a diverse range of professors and staff members. I am thankful for also getting to know some of the maintenance and facilities members. Their roles were pivotal in ensuring that we as a student body were in a clean, pristine environment, conducive for learning. As this chapter in my life comes to a close, I will ensure that all the lessons and skills I have amassed in this four year period, will serve as a strong platform for my continued growth.



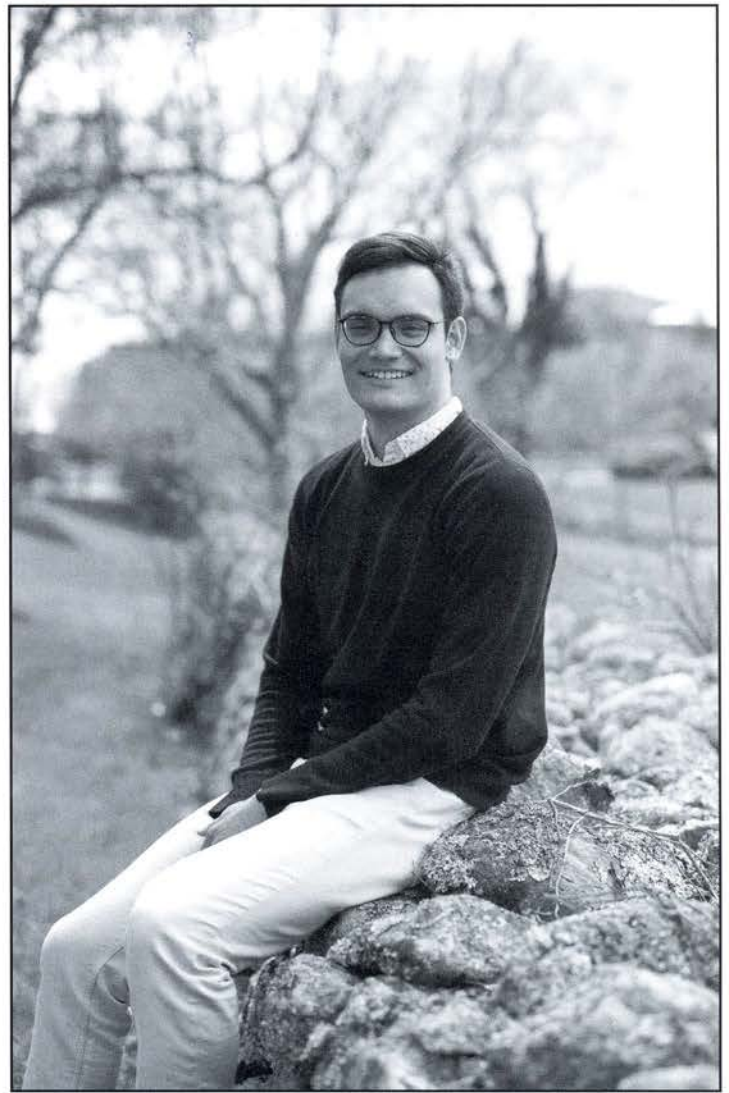
# Benjamin Schulte *Class of* 2018

From the moment I stepped on campus, I knew this was where I needed to be. Having grown up in Guam and attended high school in Australia, I had never heard of Bryant University. However, I was lucky enough to have been approached by Bryant's head swim coach in January of 2014, and her excitement to have me at Bryant became my excitement too. I came on a recruiting trip a couple of months later, and despite it being mid-April, when the snow had cleared and everything looked more dead than dead could be, I still saw how beautiful this campus was. Everyone, from the coaches, to the faculty, to the students I met, were extremely welcoming and friendly. I instantly felt comfortable knowing I was going to commit to becoming a Bulldog.

Freshman year was a whirlwind of an experience. I was literally on the other side of the world from everything I had known. It was scary to be so far from home, yet so surreal that I was here studying in the United States, something I had dreamt to do since I can remember. I had never been so immersed in such a culturally diverse community, and I commend everyone involved with international recruitment for their dedication to creating this environment. I made not only American friends, but also African, Middle Eastern, Indian, East Asian, European, and South American ones, to name a few. It was freshman year that I experienced snow for the first time. It took a solid 20 minutes to walk from Hall 16 to the athletic center, a trip that normally only takes three, because I kept stopping to take photos. Yes, there was a period that I became extremely homesick, but with so many other students experiencing the same thing, it was not hard to find comfort. Leaving Bryant for the summer of 2015 was difficult, and as soon as I drove past the globe for the airport, I was already excited for August to roll in.

Fast-forward three years, and graduation is upon us. Everyone always asks, "Would you do it again if you could?" Of course! Despite all the late night study sessions, endless amounts of homework, countless group meetings, and early morning practices, my time at Bryant has been the best part of my life thus far. It has given me so much academically, athletically, socially, and emotionally. I would not be the same person had I gone anywhere else.

Counting our final minutes as students of this great institution is bittersweet; however, we can be confident that we are leaving as the most capable individuals possible. Bryant has armed us with newly acquired skills, and we are ready to begin the next chapters of our lives. The last four years have taught us to embrace change and challenges, and to take chances. We, as Bryant University students, have demonstrated time after time that we can be thrown into situations far beyond our depth, and come out of it thriving. Times may not have always been pristine, but what we will remember in 20, 30, and 40 years will not be those nightmare due dates, or those final exam schedules that kept us until the last day possible before summer break. It will be those warm spring semester memories, stopping to take a selfie with our beloved Tupper, all the clubs we took part in, and the sporting events we attended with our friends. I applaud each and every one of you



who make up this phenomenal class. The diplomas you will have in your hands in a few short moments represents the culmination of four years' worth of perseverance, hard work, and commitment to yourselves and your futures.

On behalf of the Class of 2018, I thank everyone—the faculty, the staff, the athletic coaches, and all the mothers and fathers in attendance today. The sacrifices you have made and your dedication to these students will not go unnoticed.

I want to thank my own family, who have supported me in everything I have done. They have pushed me to my limits, helping me become the independent and self-motivated individual I am today. They have given me every possible opportunity, putting my dreams and aspirations ahead of their own. Regardless of how many times I say thank you, it will never reflect how grateful I truly am.

Finally, to my fellow graduates, that's it, we're old dawgs now. I wish everyone the absolute best of luck in whatever comes next. Trust in yourselves, don't take things too seriously, and remember that you always have a home to come back to in little Smithfield, Rhode Island.





# Charlotte Cortes Ortega

When I look back at my time at Bryant University, I've obtained important positions, met friends I'll have for a lifetime, and was able to develop skills from classes and organizations, which have made my experience at Bryant truly memorable. The 4MILE@Bryant program gave me the opportunity to meet other multicultural and international students early on and shaped the way I approached Bryant, by engaging myself with as many groups that will make a difference. Therefore, I felt it was only right to give back to the program by being a mentor the following year. This was when I discovered my five strengths from the CliftonStrengths test. I learned to understand the vitality of these five strengths, and how I can utilize them to better myself on campus, both in the classroom and in other engagements.

## *Empathy | Intellection | Input | Restorative | Connectedness*

**Empathy** | One person who impacted me during my time at Bryant is Professor Eileen Kwesiga through her facilitation in the Management Principles and Practice course. This course provided a meaningful opportunity to engage with a Service Learning Project. My team partnered with the Gotta Have Sole Foundation, located in Cranston, Rhode Island. Their mission is to combat children's homelessness by providing a pair of shoes to a child in need. Throughout the semester, my group found ways to raise funds for brand-new shoes and socks. The significance was to ensure that the Gotta Have Sole Foundation would be able to support more children in the United States. As the team leader, I put emphasis on the design thinking process with creative ideas to make a long lasting impact. Through this class, I was able to leave my comfort zone, to truly push my energy and devotion to the Gotta Have Sole Foundation, and to help raise over \$6,000 from corporate sponsor donations.

**Intellection** | At Bryant, student involvement allows one to stay connected and to take active steps to improving the community. Through student life, I have been able to devote my four years to organizations, affording me the opportunities to thrive with leadership positions as the Vice-President of Association for Latino Professionals of America and the Director of Latin-Hispanic Enterprise Multicultural Student Union. I would like to specifically thank the Intercultural Center and Kevin Martins, Assistant Director of the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion, for giving me the opportunity to visit conferences throughout my college career. Through this department, I was able to bring the skill-sets and my passions in Student Life to another level. I was able to attend three conferences, including the Diversifying Individuals Via Education (DIVE RI), the National Dominican Conference, and the Social Justice Engagement Institute: Action for Activism. Altogether, these positions and conferences have allowed me to use my intellection in a way that I may not have been exposed to otherwise. By collaborating ideas with like-minded individuals, I was able to spark conversations and appreciate the intellectual discussion with students from all different backgrounds.

**Input** | Through the Study Abroad office and the Academic Programs International (API) program, I was given the opportunity to intern at the Salamanca Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Spain. Working and living in Spain, including the flourishing cities of Madrid and Salamanca, was both a drastic change and a memorable experience. The flourishing cities of Madrid and Salamanca provided me with both a memorable experience and a drastic change by working and living in Spain.

Although I saw large differences in the way of life, I had never felt the infamous "culture-shock" during my six months in Spain that many travelers experience. With my input, I was immersed in Spain's culture, learned the history, as well as formed new relationships due to the strong



business culture focused on building trust with clientele. When you enter another country the people's set of values and culture, as a whole, will be different; I accepted these differences with open arms. I would like to thank the Study Abroad program, for it opened my mind to the logistics of businesses in various regions of Europe. It gave me the opportunity to work with the financials of four different programs at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which improve the quality of life in Salamanca, Spain. I learned first-hand knowledge of the business skills through building relationships and acquiring information throughout the experience. With this newfound collection of knowledge, I was able to improve my input strength, and to integrate them in future endeavors.

**Restorative** | My restorative strength has allowed me to learn how to assess problems. I was able to bring my restorative talent to the table through Bryant's Amica Center for Career Education. As a first-year student, the resources I had were limited in terms of building my brand. Each year the Amica Center worked with me and other students on the campus to perfect my resume and interview abilities, as well as build connections with various companies and corporations. By using Amica's services, I was able to apply to multiple job positions with companies in the greater New England region, as well as intern with BAE Systems, where I will be working full-time after graduation.

**Connectedness** | Thank you to professors in both the Accounting and Modern Language departments, staff, and students at Bryant! I truly believe that the community at Bryant has become a second home. Bryant has been influential in shaping the person I am today because of the inimitable sense of community and character that the institution holds. Being selected to be on the 2017-2018 Bryant Senior Advisory Council, I was able to see the great changes happening on campus firsthand, as well as hear the feedback from students that the Bryant administration takes seriously to improve Bryant each year. My strength of connectedness is attributed to Bryant, and I will strive to continue this as an alumna for the Class of 2018! Despite the great changes in the infrastructure and the technology that is added each year, it is the people that have made this a life-long experience that I will cherish as an alumna forever-ah!



# Senior Portraits

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2018*



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Kenneth Blasser

Randal Blozio

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Ryan Bonnette

Thomas Borawski

Benon Boyadjian

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Daniel D'Amico

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Malik Daley

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Justin Dauley

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Morgan Dickson

Sarina DiDino

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Taylor Fortune

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Katie Fournier



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Andrew Franco

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Macarena Freile





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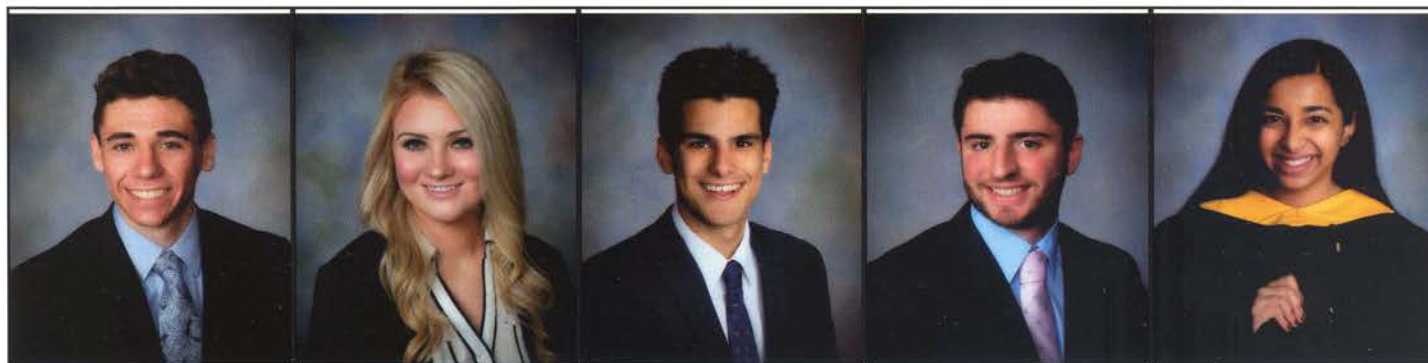
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Amanda Klotz

Ryan Knight





# Remember when...

## Freshman Year

- When freshmen had parking
- We had the last outdoor concert
- We finally started Monday classes halfway through the semester
- The Patriots won the Super Bowl and we ran into the snow
- Hall 14 couldn't catch a break with their fire drills
- T-Pain came late but we didn't care when "Low" came on
- GFOB made us think dropping out wouldn't be too bad
- Our biggest problem was trying to figure out how to avoid going to Gateway sessions but still get the credit
- "Trap Queen" turned every townhouse into a "trap house"
- Bryant went to Zhuhai
- Barbara Corcoran got too handsy
- Jack Welsh from GE came to Bryant
- No one went to class in order to get Spring Weekend tickets
- "Around the World" made us believe every weekend would be lit
- Festival of Lights made the holidays at Bryant just a little bit brighter

## Sophomore Year

- Everyone got sick from the Norovirus breakout
- Aramark (finally) left
- We almost died by the hands of Waka Flocka Flame
- We woke up to #NoMoFoMo emails everyday
- You wanted to kill your Management group
- We traveled on our first international experience through Sophomore International Experience
- No parties were the same when Bagpipe Dan left
- Spring Weekend tickets went digital
- Marge swiped us into Salmo for the last time







## Junior Year

- The AIC opened, and we had to walk soooooo far to go to class
- The IPF collapsed
- Everyone went abroad and everyone else got a king-sized bed
- Your roommate then came back from abroad (#LongLiveTheSingle)
- The entrance route into Bryant changed and we didn't know how to drive or navigate people anymore
- D.R.A.M. punched a student
- Steve Wozniak from Apple came to Bryant
- The Patriots won the Super Bowl once again, but we didn't storm the pond
- Kevin Harrington came to Bryant

## Senior Year

- RIP Tupper
- We got Tupper II!!
- Half the senior class decided to move off campus
- Laundry was free and bulldog bucks really became irrelevant
- You hustled underclassmen to swipe you into Salmo
- Business 400 made you think "what did I actually learn here"
- After years of denying it, many of us decided to work for Target
- We hated every freshman in Hall 14 that got a new bathroom
- Bryant hosted their first TEDx event
- Danny Amendola came!
- Spring Break 2018... that's all we could remember, too.
- We brought back outdoor parties
- They brought back the Spring Weekend ticket line and we skipped class, again
- Fins up?





Elizabeth Korycansky

Andrew Krom

Kevin Krupowies

Mateusz Kuczek

Vraajesh Kurup



Quinn Lacroix

Ethan Ladouceur

Gregory Lambert

Jenna Lamb

Kristopher Langevin



Miranda Lang

Sarah Lapham

Kayla Lapinski-Goding

Jessica Laverriere

Evalina Lawson



Alexandra Lawver

Kevin Lazo

Ryan Lea

Lauren Leedberg

Alyssa Lee





Thomas Lee

Christopher Leffin-

Chad Legault

Paige Lemieux

Alexander Levine



Nathan Levine

Jacob Lewtan

Nicole Lithway

Caitlin Lodi

Steven London



Julia Lopez

Luke Lorenz

Renee Lucas

William Lucey

Alexandra Lunsford



Ethan Lyaal

Tyler Macedo

Jill MacInnes

Matthew MacLeod

Kevyn Madrigal





Kristin Mahan

Leticia Maipira

Victoria Majcher

Arsh Majithia

Brooke Maker



Mary Mak

Lauren Malone

Jose Marcano

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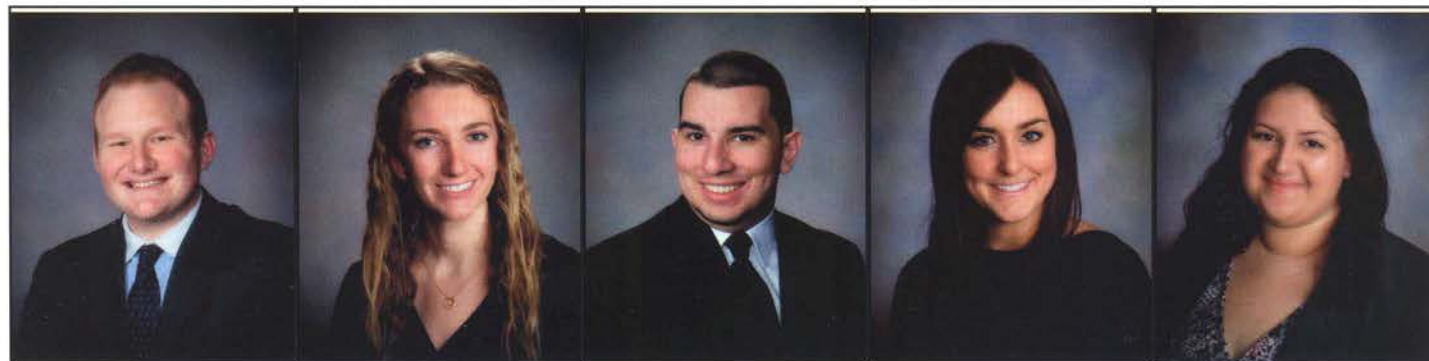
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Thomas Amisano	Jitendra De Silva	Wilson Hoac	Ryan Moulton	Drew Rushton
Carl Anderson	Brennan D'Elena	Jacob Hodess	Mitchell Munger	Samantha Santeramo
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Devin Arpin	Emily Desmarais	Nicholas Hudson	Evan Murphy	Joel Schaefer
Kate Arsenault	Joel Diaz	Daniel Hughes	Kyle Naughton	Kurt Schnaars
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Jacob Baca	Anthony DiPace	Brian Irish	Sahib Nichani	Colleen Sheedy
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Ryan Bartlett	Amaranta Elder	Alyssa Jacolucci	Kristen O'Connor	Brandon Smith
Coskun Basak	Brennan Epps	Andrew James	Ryan Oellermann	Molly Smith
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Colin Curtin	Dorothy Hellar	William Monteiro	Robert Rivard	
Mila Cvetkovic	Jakob Hernandez	William Montero	Emilio Rocha	





## Alison Feehan



For the past two years, I've had a work study position in the Conference and Special Events Office here at Bryant. This office is responsible for planning and running quite a few different events on campus, one of the largest of these events is Undergraduate Commencement. For the past two years I've mailed out save the dates and invitations to the families of the graduating students, I've assembled and distributed the reader cards we were begged not to lose and printed out signs to put on the Board of Trustees chairs on stage. I've zip tied thousands of these chairs together and heard pomp and circumstance played over and over as graduates processed underneath the archway each year.

Despite having helped plan and run Commencement twice prior to now, being so close to it has not prepared me for how it will feel to actually walk across the stage and leave Bryant. The melancholy I have felt all year as graduation has neared has been potent, especially as the day gets closer. In times that I feel upset about this amazing four-year journey coming to a close, I remind myself of a quote from Winnie the Pooh (of all places) it says, "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." It is correct graduation will mark the end of a truly amazing four years, but we are all so lucky to have found this wonderful small school in the middle of the country's smallest state. If I could waltz across the stage and not look back, it may feel easier right about now, but it would also mean that I hadn't been lucky enough to experience everything I've been able to enjoy during my time here.

I could go on all day about the amazing and engaging professors, the beautiful buildings, the interesting classes, the amazing career services, and all of the other things that I know attracted me to this place when I was a senior in high school, but I would rather like to take this opportunity to thank all of my classmates, you are all college to me. Whether I was your rugby teammate, travelled abroad and survived International Business Block with you, voted on your stock pitches in the Archway Fund, or maybe just said hi a few times at TNR's and around the townhouses, I want to thank all of you for making college what it was. We have laughed together, learned together, crammed for exams together, and maybe had a few too many plates of cheesy fries at Rentes together too, but through it all I know I have found lifelong friends in so many of you other dawgs.

I am not quite sure what it is about this place, but it somehow turned a bunch of strangers that I found really intimidating freshman year, into the family I have chosen to surround myself with by senior year. So here's to all of us I guess, and to graduation not being the end of the world but rather the end of a great chapter, and the start of a whole new adventure!



I came to Bryant in the Spring of 2015, or better described as the non-existent "Spring" of 2015. I initially got involved with Hillel, as Judaism was something consistent I could bring back from home to keep me grounded. I am so appreciative of Rabbi Steve, Sarah Herman, and my perfect executive board. I could have never asked for anyone more absolutely magnificent to share my heritage with, and to spend 3 beautiful years working and growing with. Since then, I have been swimming through a never-ending river of involvements in my 3 and a half years. Luckily for me, I can swim figuratively, still working on the literal swimming thing though. The major turning point for me was Learn Weekend. I am forever grateful to Sue Zarnowski, Joe St. Thomas, and everyone else who taught me that I am stronger than I could ever comprehend. After an amazing experience to end my "Spring" semester, I spent the summer with a determination to be involved and inspire people the way Joe, Sue, and 40 of my classmates inspired me. I was able to have the pleasure of participating in 4Mile in August 2015, thanks to the amazing Kevin Martins, who taught me that I am multi-cultural, even if I don't look it. From there, I became dedicated to the cause of unity and diversity at Bryant. Also in August of 2015, I had the absolute privilege to be hired as a Bryant at Night event assistant by the fabulous Anna Takahama, whom I have to thank for my confidence as a student leader.

In my fall semester, I got involved with two amazing organizations, the Bryant Players and the Alliance for Women's Awareness. These two organizations have introduced me to some of the most amazing people I have ever met at Bryant. Working in the tech booth on God of Carnage, not only fueled my love for the theatre, but was sincerely one of the most entertaining shows I have ever seen. There is so much hidden talent at Bryant and I love that I have been able to give my unfailing support to the arts consisting of undeniably talented students. I am forever thankful to Kyle Wallace, who will never see this and never understand the impact of kindness and compassion he had on me, and Liam Rice, a man of true royalty, who always made me laugh without even trying. The Bryant Players has brought me to some of the funniest and most compassionate people on campus. Thank you to every single player and especially every crew member, for the entertainment and love. AWA introduced me to the strongest women I will ever have the pleasure to know. Laura Sprague will forever be my first Bryant, cat-loving, beautiful in every way, feminist inspiration to be whomever I choose to be and to never apologize for it. In addition to Laura, AWA brought me to Kelly Boutin, Theresa Fairless, Amanda Spaziano, Thomas Roach and the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. These people and the WGSS department have never failed me and have only fueled my consistent love and dedication to feminism and my role as an ally to the LGBTQA community.

The same year, I applied to be both an Orientation Leader and a Learn Weekend Facilitator, in hopes that I could fulfill my goal of inspiring others. Unfortunately, I wasn't accepted to either program, but I never gave up. I finally received my role as an Orientation Leader, junior year, when I was able to get a lot closer to the staff and students that I had already known, but never really gotten personal with. I am so thankful to know the amazing group of 18 ambitious, energetic, and hilarious human beings with the addition of my favorite Fisher Professional staff members, Amanda and Rich. Finally being given the opportunity to make a difference in at least one person's experience, I felt fulfilled!

Second semester of my junior year, I was granted another opportunity

that will never leave me, in both memories past and memories to come. Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority came to campus to colonize a chapter, a sisterhood, and an impact. Alpha Sigma Alpha, Gamma Chi, has taught me the most important lesson of my college career: I never needed a leadership position to inspire people, I just needed to raise my voice. Many of you who know me may be reading this and laughing, because you know that I have one of the quietest voices on this campus. But those who really know me, know that I do have the quietest voice, but with the sharpest, and most honest words. I love my sisters with all my heart and I thank them every day for the compassion they provide to me and the support they allow me to provide them. Bryant has introduced me to some of the most amazing people of my life and I am forever grateful for the way they impacted me and how they taught me to make an impact on others. Thank you to my friends and my family for standing next to me every step of the way. I would never have made it this far if it wasn't for the support, the laughs, the tears, and the hugs from those closest to me, you know who you are. Thank you! Bye!







# Linnea Sjoberg

As an international student from Stockholm, Sweden, who had not yet visited the Bryant campus, I flew solo into Boston. My only instruction was that upon landing, I should take a bus from the airport and that I would get picked up by a Bryant representative in Providence. For me, this was a journey into the unknown, which turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life.

I arrived on campus jetlagged and had very little time to prepare before I was thrown into a week of the 4MILE (Multicultural and International Leadership Experience) program. Here, I got the chance to meet a wide range of students from all around the world who were in the same situation as me. Even though everyone had different cultural backgrounds and native languages, we connected instantly and found common ground. It was at this time that I also moved into the freshman quad dorm room that I shared with three other tennis players, also from very different cultures. After initial concerns over the lack of privacy, my roommates became my best friends.

Having never visited a US college campus, my only impression of university life had come from American movies. I met the famous Tupper, received a folder, key ring, class schedule and when I saw the domestic students moving in, everything suddenly felt similar to what I had seen in the TV shows. I was excited to get started.

My next major experience with the bulldog family at Bryant came after my first official practice with the women's tennis team. Even though I was by

far the tallest girl, my teammates affectionately named me "baby hen," and helped me adjust to life in the US, both on and off the court. They taught me the American lingo (that we didn't learn in my school back home), how to dress for business formal presentations, and how to properly address a professor in an email. These things may seem small and insignificant, but they made a huge difference in helping me integrate into American culture in both social and academic contexts.

I'm also grateful for the opportunity to combine academics and athletics, which is not an option in the Swedish university system. For me, Bryant offered the perfect balance. My coach pushed me to pursue my athletic and academic potential, and by the end of my first year, this was rewarded. I managed to achieve a high GPA and clinch the deciding match to send our team to the NCAA tournament for the first time in Division 1 program history. This remains one of my best memories as a student-athlete at Bryant.

I am also thankful to my coach for allowing me to take the opportunity to study abroad in London, UK, during the fall of my junior year. Here, I took advantage of the challenging coursework at CASS Business School, while gaining valuable internship experience at Market News International-Indicators. Since I'm European, I treated my study abroad experience less as an opportunity to travel, and more to immerse myself in this new international environment and grow professionally. It was here that I further developed the real world skills that would become invaluable and give me an edge during my senior year courses.

While I was in London, it was nice to be closer to home – family and friends came from Sweden to visit – but at the same time I realized how much the Bryant community meant to me. It was funny how during my semesters in the US, I had come to appreciate my Swedish family, friends and culture much more, but in London I also came to appreciate Bryant University and the United States more. I missed the overall atmosphere: the beautiful campus, the small classes, and the genuine relationships I had with my professors instead of being a number among the masses. I missed spending hours in Salmo, chatting casually with the dining staff, faculty, advisors, and of course my friends and teammates. I missed the Bulldog family.

I think I really came into my own senior year, as I started to take on more leadership positions at Bryant. I was accepted into the Archway Investment Fund, managing real money, and developing even more real world skills. I truly recognized my academic growth when I took a lower level management class, and realized how the knowledge and experience I had acquired in my upper level classes and previous internships had provided me with a deeper understanding of the course concepts and real life.

I have also been given the chance to discuss my perspective and insights to help improve university services, particularly from the viewpoint of an international student. I was honored to join the Bryant Senior Advisory Council (BSAC), where I was able to share my experiences and give input and feedback to President Machtley and senior vice presidents on campus. I also joined a focus group, where I discussed ways the university can bridge the gap between international, multicultural, and domestic students. I was thrilled that my work advocating for international and multicultural students was recognized when I was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), the national leadership honor society.

Finally, I became one of the captains of the women's tennis team and helped to lead a young team of freshmen and sophomores to another NEC final. Now, instead of "baby hen," my new nickname has become "Storboss" – Swedish for "big boss," which I think illustrates the growth I have experienced during my time here.





These last four years have been a powerful stepping stone for all of us. It is where we have begun to foster our viewpoint on our own futures. We have become our own decision makers, propelling us to where we are going to be tomorrow. We are in control now! It is astounding, because I hadn't yet realized that we were at this point until just a few months ago. If you told me freshman year that I would be here today, walking under the archway, doing what I have done, and knowing what venture I'm about to tackle, I honestly wouldn't believe it. The fact that I am blessed enough to be at this point is solely a testament to Bryant and the community, you all, that supports it.

As crazy as it sounds, I had never been to Bryant before orientation because it was a last-minute decision. This wasn't due to me wanting to go to another school, because classmates who had vouched for Bryant was evidence enough that this is a great school. Nor, was it that I lived too far away to see it, I'm from Massachusetts after all. It was solely out of fear of the responsibility college was bringing me. Money was extremely tight for my parents and I looked at college as solely my financial burden, and a privilege I didn't necessarily deserve. Yet, I wanted it so badly! Thus, the day before deposits were due, I made my decision, and I have never looked back since.

Shortly after getting here, I knew Bryant was a great fit. I realized early on that I wasn't going to take the strictly academic route, and that there were other avenues to focus on. I found organizations like Bryant CEO and Bryant Ventures, and I saw an entrepreneurial potential. It literally excited me! I found out Bryant had what I call a "sleeper" community of entrepreneurs, and I wanted in!! The only issue is that I had no initial way to get there. I had these crazy ideas, big company concepts, but I lacked experience, sometimes common sense, and most importantly passion... This is where boating comes in!!

Most people think of boating as this lavish experience, and for some it is, but it never was that for me. I grew up on an older 1980's boat, that I worked on constantly with my dad when I was young. For any issues/hard times going on in life, working on it and driving it was my way to escape. Since my father was working out of state, I took on the expense of maintaining the boat right before college. Over time, I started renovating it with the extra money I had from working two jobs. By teaching myself some fabrication skills and marine electrical, I was able to redesign and install a new dash panel as a Father's Day gift. Well, the summer of my freshman year, I found myself helping some fellow boaters down the dock with the same thing. My third client asked me what I would charge him. I had never been asked that question before. I thought about it, threw out a number very high for an 18-year-old, but low for the industry, and to my astonishment, he was happy to pay it. I had built value for him, and realized I could do the same for others. I found myself with 25 clients that summer, and so I started my business RPB Marine.

In the fall of sophomore year, when I returned to Bryant, I made my business real, with insurance, logos, certifications, credit, bank accounts, legal designation... all of this, built upon Bryant courses I was currently in. Professors were letting me do marketing and accounting projects on my own company, propelling me forward quickly, because I was putting academic time into my business. Bryant's Goss Prize made it possible to do two boat shows, which were instrumental in getting a majority of our sales last year. I directly was able to hire two people from pre-orders. At the same time, Bryant Ventures was allowing me to share my knowledge and learn from other student entrepreneurs to solve each other's problems. Because of Bryant CEO, I was able



to get recognition nationally for my work with RPB Marine. These are all tangible results of what Bryant was able to do for me, and without these four years, I wouldn't be close to this point.

Now, I have the unique opportunity to take my passion a little further with my new startup, Boative. This is different, because I am going from a labor based business to tech. I am confident and willing to take this huge risk and try something big, because of the base, support, and knowledge Bryant has provided.

Mark Twain stated this powerful line to live by, "the secret of getting ahead is getting started." At face value, it means that we should get started if we want to get ahead, but I believe it has a greater relevance to Bryant. Graduating from Bryant means that we have already gotten started on our careers, so if that is the case, we must already be ahead. That means we can take a minute to breath, relax, and focus on how to bring our passions into our careers, all while keeping our stride. To me, that is powerful. Grow your passions, keep your momentum, become a force to be reckoned with and continue this path you're on! Much love, respect, and good wishes to all of you. Congrats Class of 2018!!!

To my parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, without you, I wouldn't be here. It means more than you know!!! I owe you everything! To my friends, thanks for reminding me frequently to enjoy college while I still can. It has been an unforgettable four years. To my professors, thank you for all the support and working with me and my work schedule.





# Allison Butler

This year marks my tenth year as a psychology professor at Bryant University. While I have always felt grateful to be a part of this community, 2017-2018 is a year that will forever mark a high point for me, and that has everything to do with the leadership that has been shown by your class.

So, I've realized that I'm kind of a Bryant Superfan. I may have been the first person to hold their kid's birthday party in the Chace Athletic Center (Go Bulldogs!). Two of my favorite foods are Salmo chicken patties and the turkey-cranberry panini from L'Artisan in the AIC. In the countdown to IDEA season, I rotate 6 different IDEA t-shirts and proudly wear one per day to get in the spirit of things. I frequently show off the AIC to friends and family, point out my favorite paintings, and step each day into an incredible classroom that looks like a Google image and makes me feel like I'm Alice (Allison) in Academic Wonderland.

I've always appreciated Bryant, but this year, my connection deepened, as a result of the opportunities I had to work and create alongside so many of you, Class of 2018. Your class has demonstrated a level of leadership and talent that I truly have not seen before.

When I became a professor, I looked forward to teaching students and collaborating with colleagues. What I did not anticipate, and what has become the single greatest part of my job, is that I would have opportunities to partner with my students, to co-create and collaborate on projects where the roles of teacher and student are ill-defined- where we team up to create an experience, to tackle a challenge, or to make a difference. When a team is working hard together- with each person exerting maximum cognitive effort, focus, and creative energy, and you figure something out together- it's magic. I have had many such experiences with members of your class.

One of the strongest examples of this was in Bryant IDEA, where I was a new Program Director, and many of you were the rock star student mentors. Your class of IDEA 2018 mentors- led by the powerhouse duo of Nina Luiggi and Jenna McAnespie- was a force of confident, dedicated, and compassionate leaders, and together with the leadership team, faculty, staff, and alumni, we created an experience that helped over 850 first year students become innovators. Then, just last month, a team of you - Kevin Ludemann, Mikayla Locke, Ryan Johnson, Amanda Whitehouse, Shruti Kansara, Jenna McAnespie, Nina Luiggi, and Brianna LaGuardia '19 - took the lead as teachers of design thinking to middle school girls in Innovation Nation. In both of these programs, your competence, professionalism, positive attitude, and commitment to giving your all, was on display for all to see. You did Bryant proud.

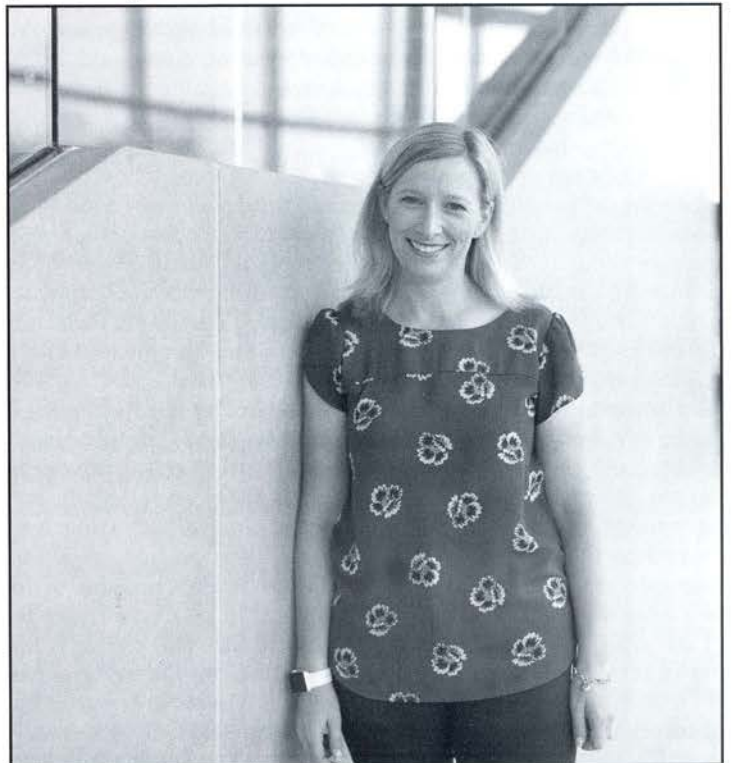
In addition to our collaborations, Class of 2018, there have been times when you led me, when I knew that your leadership was making big things happen on this campus and beyond. I think of TEDxBryantU. Samantha Scoca and Dani Crepeau initiated the first ever Bryant TED talks event this year, where they seamlessly coached a team of speakers to create a showcase of engaging and empowering talks that will inspire people for years. As the emcee, I turned to them for guidance and direction and did not want to let my fearless leaders down. I asked them a lot of questions- including whether I could possibly lead the audience in the hokey pokey- and even in that moment, I never saw them sweat! I also think of the time I walked into a Student Senate meeting, where I was invited by Joe Rinaldi and Harrison Garrett to speak about IDEA. The climate of the meeting and the professionalism and dedication of the senators were all so impressive to me. I thought to myself, "Now that's how you run a meeting." I also think of Lauren Leedberg, who in her freshman year, mentioned to me after class that she enjoys improvisational theater.

Flash forward four years, and under Lauren's outstanding leadership, the Bryant Improv Troupe (BIT) is thriving. I can only imagine the number of students who will find their passion for comedy - and their voice - as a result of being a member of BIT in the years to come.

Class of 2018, you also shine as thought leaders. Many of you co-authored academic articles, shared original research at REDay, completed professional caliber projects for your Honors Capstones, and presented studies at regional and national conferences during your time at Bryant. Kathleen Everson's study on the predictors of mental illness stigma, Macaulay Corcoran's research on masculinity and classroom behaviors, Amber Thomas's investigation of emotion regulation and depression, Alexandra Lunsford's research on mental wellness in student-athletes, and Samantha Tolomeo's review of the impact of youth sports on child development, are just a few examples of the important contributions to scholarship your class has made.

So many of us on the faculty have had the privilege of having a front row seat to watch you develop into outstanding leaders over the past four years. The experiences I've shared here represent only a small fraction of the ways in which your class has demonstrated leadership and made a positive impact on your community, within and beyond Bryant University. To see you in action as seniors- with your willingness to put in the hard work that is often required to do big things- has been impressive and inspiring. To collaborate, laugh, and learn with you has been a career highlight from my ten years at Bryant.

Mother Theresa once said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." On your graduation, I hope you take a moment to reflect on the ripples you have already created, and ponder how you can continue to use the leadership skills you've developed here to make a positive impact in your next chapter. And then once you've done that, please come back to visit us, and we can chat about your successes over a delicious turkey-cranberry panini. Congratulations, Class of 2018!





Dear Class of 2018;

As I sit here at my computer thinking of what to say, I realize another year is almost over and graduation is here! Another group of seniors heading out to their future and a new group of first year students starting Orientation in a few weeks. I was thinking back to why I became involved in Student Affairs. The enjoyment in working with students, watching them grow and mature throughout their four years and then off to become leaders and productive citizens in the community and around the world. There is something special in knowing you played a small part in helping students get through their college years and becoming the people they are today.

Over the course of my twenty-five years at Bryant, I have seen over twenty thousand students come through the Archway and I have had the privilege and the pleasure of meeting many great students, and your class is no exception. Whether it was in Fisher, the Roto or at an event, I always enjoyed talking to you about your classes, internships, sports, work or life in general. Let me say what a pleasure it was working with such a hardworking and dedicated group of students! You should be proud of everything you have accomplished. I have seen firsthand the amount of work and time that you needed to complete classes and the dedication that you had towards your co-curricular activities.

I am sure you will put to good use all the lessons, knowledge and experiences you discovered during your years at Bryant. I hope, after you've had a chance to relax and take some time for yourself, you look back at this amazing experience, you cherish the friendships you've forged with one another and the connections you made with professors, staff and other Bryant administrators. More importantly, you should be extremely proud of the positive and lasting impact you had on the Bryant community and everyone you have met at internships, SIE and study abroad journeys and community service ventures. Bryant is as good as it is because of you!

With that said, there are a few things I would like you to think about as you look to the future and how you can continue to have an impact on the world. First, "pay it forward", you have the opportunity to help others. Given all the different fields of endeavors, you can continue to serve others in need or give back to the community by volunteering, raising money or donating your expertise. Second, continue to learn and grow, become a lifelong learner. Whether it be for your job, for fun or a new vocation, maintain the passion for knowledge. Read a newspaper, books, anything that will help you become a better person and an informed decision maker. Lastly, take time for yourself. In this day and age, it is hard to disconnect yourself from your work. Make sure you give yourself time for relaxing with family and friends.



Graduation is always a proud time for you and your families. For me, it is especially a proud time and the reason I enjoy working with students. As I look around today, I remember the first time I saw unsure, timid first year students that turned into confident and unswerving seniors. My best moments are when you shake my hand and thank me for helping you through your four years at Bryant. It is what makes my job great and why I look forward to another year.

Finally, graduation is always a bittersweet moment. As one chapter closes on your life, another chapter begins. I hope you look back on this time as one of the proudest moments in your life. Congratulations on a job well done!

Rich Dankel

Assistant Director of Operations  
Fisher Student Center





# Archway Senior Staff

## ***Kaitlyn Graham - Editor-In-Chief***

My time with The Archway student newspaper definitely has mirrored my experience at Bryant as a whole. Signing up to join as a Freshman during the Org Fair, only to be convinced to take on the Sports Editor position during my first meeting with the staff was something completely unexpected, but similar to a lot of my experiences during my first year at college. Freshmen year was filled with learning a lot about how to fit in, but still be an individual on Bryant's campus. Don't wear your lanyard around your neck, take as many bananas from Salmo that can fit in your pockets, and make the most out of every snow day you get. My Freshman year experience on The Archway followed the same tune: know who on campus to talk to depending on the subject you're writing about, learn the editing software the section editors use, and always fact-check!

Sophomore year I found myself acting like I knew what was going on, but in reality I was still learning more and more about Bryant and about myself. I continued with the Sports Editor role on The Archway, but this time under new management and with a new group of extremely motivated staff. Being on the paper challenged me to become a better writer, learn how to interview guests coming to campus, and practice journalism in its best form. Sophomore year I allowed myself to be persuaded into joining Women's Rugby, similar tune to that of The Archway, I was again challenged to learn and preform in ways I had never had to before.

Junior year was one of transition and planning for the looming Senior Year Scaries. I was able to take on the position of News Editor for The Archway, which brought me closer to Bryant's campus while also adding on more pressure to not make mistakes. I was able to begin to take on leadership roles in other groups on campus, which is something high-school me would have been terrified to do. When Senior year finally rolled around it seemed like a natural fit to take on the Editor-in-Chief position on the paper. You never think you will be ready for a responsibility like that, but with the help of those around me it was a huge goal of mine that I got to accomplish. Outside of the paper I was also given the opportunity to learn more about myself through leadership roles on campus, and I will always be thankful for Women's Rugby and the IDEA program for everything everyone in the program allowed me to do this year.

I never believed people when they said Senior year goes by faster than the other three combined, but it really has been the fastest nine months of my life. I am not someone who gets sentimental often, but all of the amazing people I've interacted with this year have made the conclusion to my Bryant years that much harder. I will forever be grateful for the crew at O2 for the year full of laughs, introducing me to Bajas, for celebrating Christmas as hard as I do, and for letting me fulfill my role as hobbit. To all of the girl's on Women's Rugby, can you believe we actually learned a new sport, and then got good enough at it that we are graduating as a top 16 team in the nation?? We learned the importance of persevering and coming together as a team, and I will miss you all. I have to thank the Honors program for giving me the opportunity to travel to the West Coast for the first time, and for allowing me to meet all of my fellow nerds that like to have fun and take too many pictures. The Archway will always hold a special place in my Bryant memories, and I will always be thankful



of the staff that surrounded Hayley and I during our Senior year and made sure we actually enjoyed our lives outside of the third floor in Fisher. Thank you to Hayley and Katie for making the experience of running a newspaper transformative and memorable.

I also can't write anything about my Bryant experience without thanking Dennis for being the first person to talk to me at orientation and then not running away when he realized how nerdy I am. College would have been a lot less fun without you, so thank you for agreeing to be my friend. Finally, I want to thank my parents and my little brother for their support and continuous bitmoji conversation in our family chat. No matter what kind of day I'm having I can rely on their reassurance and motivation, and consistent pictures of my dog.

Bryant is really a unique place. The Bryant bubble is definitely real, and while we all will act like we don't want to be confined in the Smithfield area, we are all nervous of the uncertainty that lies outside of the safety net. I believe in all of you, and if the past four years have taught us anything it is that we are prepared for way more than we think. And if we aren't, we are definitely able to fake it until we make it.

Congrats Bulldogs! We did it!



## Hayley Wilcox - Editor-In-Chief

We all have something in common. We've all spent the past four years attending Bryant and by no means knew where it would take us. Yet somehow, we have all figured it out. We all have a plan of action. We all have a diploma. We all have a future.

Bryant has given us all an individual path and left it to ourselves to pave it. Each one of us brings something important and meaningful to the class of 2018 and each one of us has received a foundation from Bryant. Now, it's time to build on it.

We all have another thing in common. The fear of the unknown. It's not the fear of "the real world," whatever that may be. It's the fear of stepping outside of Bryant after this day and wondering where everything we have absorbed, everything we have practiced, and everything we know will take us. But one thing is certain. It will take us somewhere.

For the past four years at Bryant University, I have felt the privilege of this campus and all of the things it has to offer. As an International Business major at Bryant, I have had the opportunity to travel to Salamanca, Spain for a semester to not only receive a hands-on learning experience of the Spanish language, but to travel the world, define culture, and create a global network. My sophomore

year of college, I was able to add stamps to my passport as I took on the Sophomore International Experience in Malaysia and Singapore once again embracing new parts of the globe. Bryant has allowed me to be a part of organizations for which I have a strong passion for, and each one has shown me a unique asset to this university.

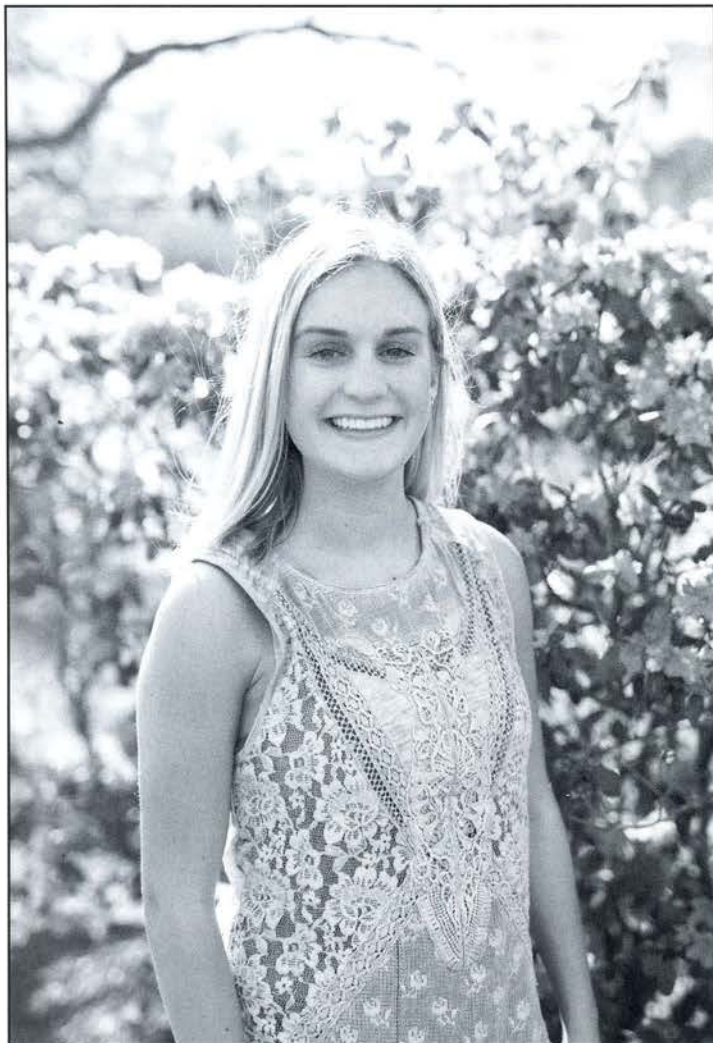
The Archway specifically has allowed me to take on a leadership position that I am very proud of. As a sophomore, I joined the staff as a copy editor and continued my involvement my junior year as a column writer. Similar to my overall experience at Bryant, The Archway has given me a perspective of leadership, a strong sense of teamwork, and an overall unique mindset. I could not have accomplished everything this term as Co-EIC without Kaitlyn Graham and Katie Hughes. Kaitlyn, thank you for your patience, motivation when we needed it most (Wednesday's living in the office), and kind attitude. Katie, without your ability to consistently remain so passionate and motivated, I'm not sure Kaitlyn and I would have had such a memorable year on The Archway.

College would not have been attainable for me had it not been for so many supporting members of my family. The biggest thanks goes to you, Mom and Dad. Your constant support and faith in me means more than you will ever know. Thank you for your passion, open minds, love, and never-ending care. I'm not sure how I will ever repay you for all that you have done, and I love you both from here to the moon and back. To my siblings Ryan and Katie, thank you for always being the words of the wise in my head and for your encouragement when I need it most. I will always be inspired by you both and I love you guys. To my grandmother's Retta and Gree, thank you for your love and support of my college career and for your undying admiration of my dreams. Love you both.

I do not enjoy the thought of this being a goodbye, so I want to think of it as a see you later. If asked four years ago how fast I believed this would all go by, I don't think I'd realize the surreal feelings behind move-in-day for Freshman year to putting on my cap and gown to receive my diploma now. I was one of those students who applied to thirteen colleges and was very unsure of the school I wanted to attend for my college degree, but Bryant has given me the best network, the best friends, the best education, and the best experience I could have received. I will forever consider Bryant to be my roots that have given me the skill set to achieve the goals and aspirations that I had coming into college and that will follow me throughout life.

The cliché saying is that college is the best four years of your life, and though I hope that is not true as I look to the future, I don't see my experience at Bryant going any better than it did. Now is the time to walk under The Archway and take the first steps towards a new place to call home. We have all gained the knowledge and means to do so, and now we build up from that foundation. It's time to step out of Bryant and do what we have all been preparing for. Succeed, strive, pursue, dream, accomplish, achieve, and make these past four years count for what they were designed to do.

I will always be grateful to call Bryant my alma mater, and I know that it has prepared me for the next steps of my life. Thank you, Bryant, and congratulations and good luck to all of my fellow classmates of 2018!







# Archway Senior Staff

## **Ryan Harris - Opinion Editor**

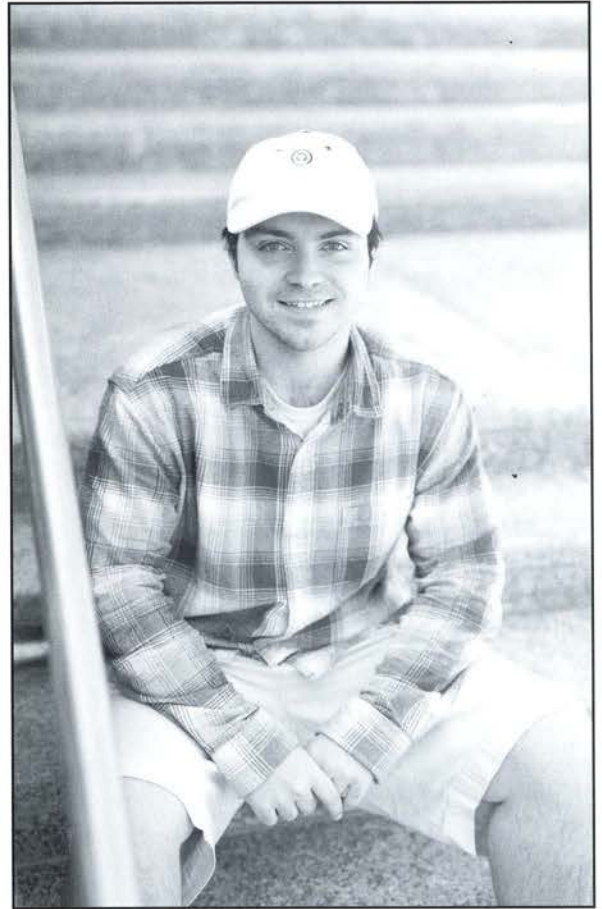
My name is Ryan A. Harris and I'm a proud Bulldog. While I was born and raised in Norwalk, CT, I found another home here in Smithfield, RI, at Bryant University. From the beautiful campus to the enthusiastic professors, my time at Bryant has been an eventful and exciting experience.

After attending LEARN Weekend with the former Editor-in-Chief Molly Funk, I found my way on to the Archway Newspaper staff. Through semesters of copy editing articles for the Business (Sophomore) and Sports (Junior) sections, I was the Opinion Section Head over my Senior year. Working on the Archway has been one of my most cherished involvements and it lead the way for me to aid in the creation of the Supply Chain Leadership Association (SCLA)'s Upstream Newsletter.

Other than that, I've met many other Bulldogs through tutoring at the Academic Center for Excellence and mentoring through the MyPath Program. You can put me on record for saying that Bryant has highly motivated students that really foster the entrepreneurial spirit.

Also, as President of SCLA, I've gotten the chance to see other Supply Chain students grow with the burgeoning, robust program. While one of the youngest programs in Bryant's College of Business, Supply Chain students learn how to forecast demand, model spreadsheets for linear regression optimization, and study the disruptive technologies future leaders need to know in the field.

Overall, Bryant prepares students to succeed before and after graduation. Bryant has provided me with the resources to get hands-on experience with SAP software, coding, and other technologies, while also giving me knowledge on industry standards and application of consulting experience. Through the relationships that I've been fortunate to have formed and through Bryant's vigorous, genuine studies, the alumni community of Bryant is filled with capable and prominent professionals.



## **Dennis Frank - Business Editor**

You know what they say:

It's called climbing not falling, but in order to learn how to climb you are going to need to learn how to fall, and fall a hell of a lot. For those of you who do not know me, I fall a lot. Maybe more than others, but if I have learned anything while at Bryant, it's how to fall somewhat gracefully. The goal of climbing is something personal; to some it's academics, to others it's a social life, leadership, or even athletics. Everyone has their own mountain which they have yet to climb. Everyone has something that causes them to fall over and over again prior to summiting.

What I found is that Bryant has this calculated way of finding every student's mountain; the experience they so badly want to accomplish. Bryant provides each and every one of us the opportunity to complete that one thing, which we sometimes fail at while still trying to climb. This mountain provides each of us a goal, a dream, and a passion. Without it there would not be anything to fight for.

While our time at Bryant has come to an end, each of us will continue to discover mountains in our life. I will continue to fall while attempting to summit mine, and I will carry with me the ability to fall gracefully. For that reason, I thank Bryant, I thank my parents, and I thank those close friends who I found while at Bryant. I wish the best of luck to my fellow Bulldogs, keep climbing and keep falling gracefully.



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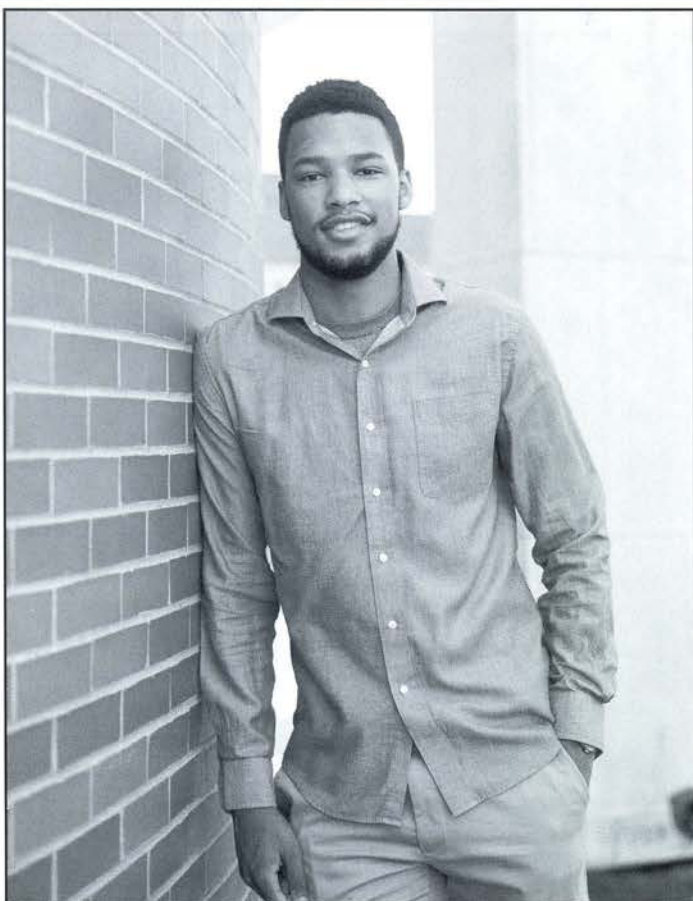
### **Steve Santos - Sports Editor**

It's truly amazing how quickly one is able to call a new place home, but over my brief four years at Bryant University, it has become just that. A place where I've met more than my fair share of wonderful people who have helped me over these years. A place that has helped me grow not only academically, but as a person. After graduating Bryant, you really feel prepared to enter the real world. Whether it's countless hours collaboratively working with others to complete a project the night before, or even preparing yourself for a presentation or competition, it's impossible to stay in your comfort zone as a Bryant student. You're always forced to push yourself and take the next step forward in your education and personal challenges.

If I had one word of advice for my freshman self as I graduate, it would be to try everything. Bryant really is a one of a kind place that fosters growth and change, and to experience all of that as a student is truly a blessing, one that few get to experience.

Although my time here at Bryant is coming to an end, I will never forget all the lessons I have learned along the way. All the friends I have met, and lived with, will become permanent staples in my life as I move on. I am excited for the next chapter in my life, but I will always be a Bryant Bulldog.

Thank you for everything Bryant, I will miss you, but never forget you as I move forward.



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### **James Imrie - Photography Editor**

Over the years, I've been in a unique position to be able to see Bryant through an interesting lens. As a photographer, I get to be a fly on the wall at a lot of the events that go on around here. Bryant really is a bubble, but that's exactly what it's supposed to be. A university should be a sheltered environment where lots of diverse things happen and people coexist. It's meant to be something of a simulation for this proverbial "real world" that we enter after walking through the Archway.

Our interactions with others at Bryant prepare us to handle an increasingly diverse world. We take on roles that become a part of our identity. I've seen many people become wrapped up in that identity, as they should, to be effective in their roles and to grow. Part of that growth is one day realizing that the things you did here didn't really matter. They may have made a dent in the bubble we call Bryant, but in the grand scheme of things, the earth still turns.

Part of the growth that comes from four years on this campus is realizing that everything you've done up to this point was merely practice for when it actually matters. Now you have a real chance to try and make a dent in the universe. Keep that in mind when you turn onto Douglas Pike one final time.



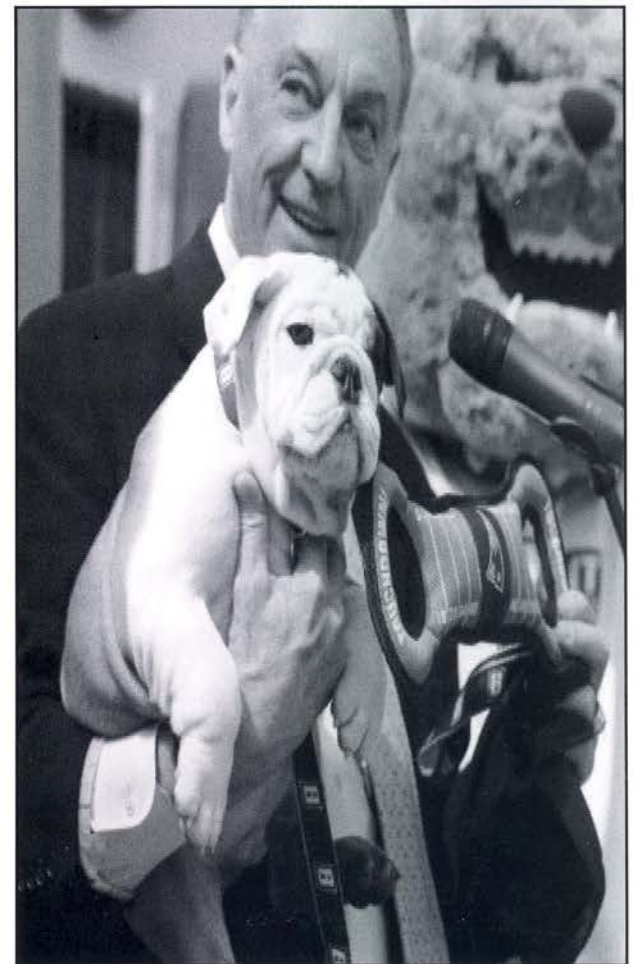
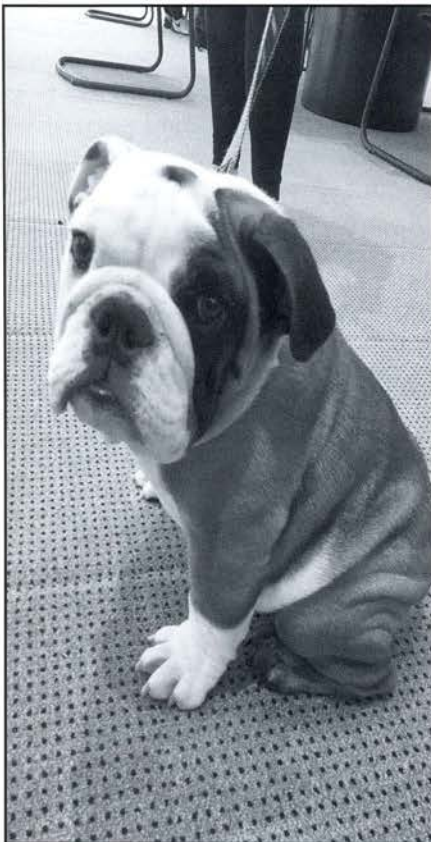
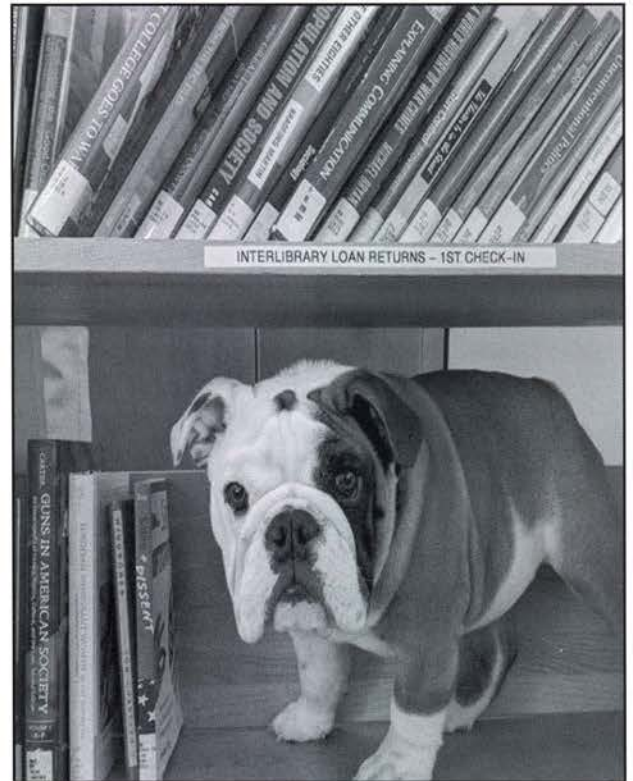




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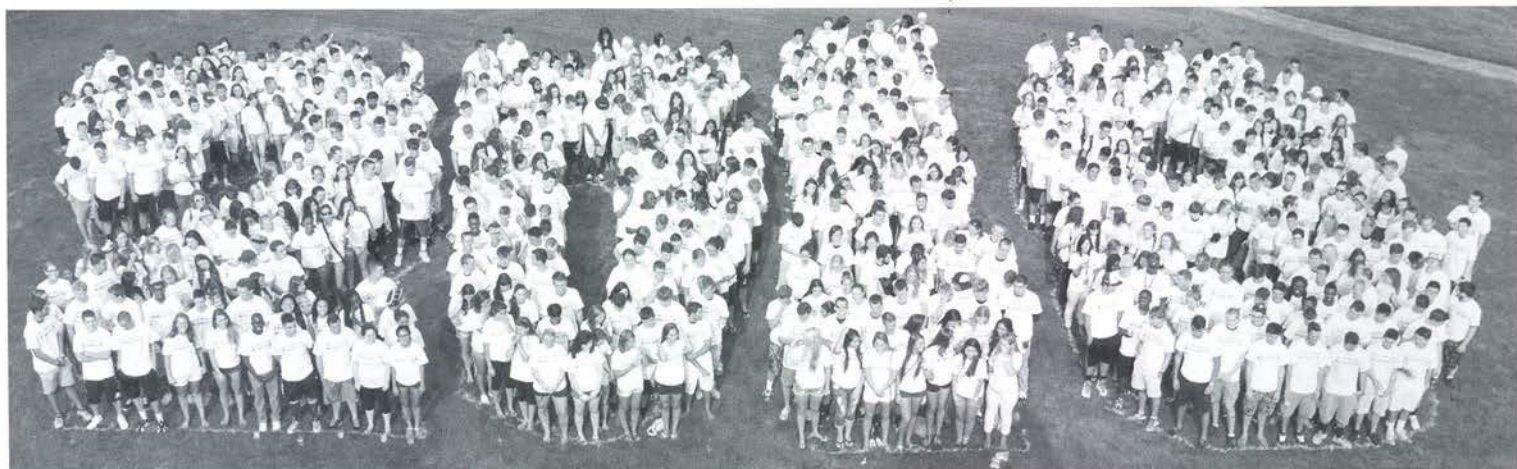




# 2018 Commencement Awards

Victoria Lily Albanese	The Jack H. Rubens Leadership in Financial Services Award
Alexander M. Brakey	The Leander Francis Emin Endowed Homestead Award
Cristofolo Santo Buccheri	The SAS Institute Award
Devyn A. Ceppetelli	The NEHRA - Management Department Commencement Award for Excellence in Human Resources Management
Rebecca Maria Demarest	The John Hancock Insurance Company Award
Molly Anne Gearan	The Jeremiah Clark Barber Award
Sean Vincent Gentile	Political Science Award
Raveena Goyal	The Student Senate Service Award
Claire Elizabeth Gracia	Global Studies Award:
Kaitlyn Denise Graham	The Student Senate Service Award
Christina Paule Gramling	The Student Senate Service Award
Sarah Marie Greenway	The Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants Award
Megan Guilbault	Legal Studies Award
Jennifer Diane Hill	The Literary and Cultural Studies Award
William Howe Hoadley	The Reserve Officers' Training Corps Achievement Award
James David Imrie	The Student Senate Service Award
Nicholas David Japhet	The Anna M. & Jere St. Angelo '61 Accounting Award
Nicholas David Japhet	The Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key
Nicholas David Japhet	The George J. Kelley Award
Nicholas David Japhet	The President's List Sash
Ryan Matthew Johnson	Student Charge
Shruti S. Kansara	The Roger W. Babson Award
Zeynep Kazmaz	The Pell Medal for United States History Award
Evalina Marie Lawson	The NEHRA - Management Department Commencement Award for Excellence in Human Resources Management
Lauren Ann Leedberg	The Achievement in Creative Expression Award
Mikayla Rose Locke	The Communication Department Award
Renee Rosemarie Lucas	Sociology Award
Kevin R. Ludemann	The NEHRA - Management Department Commencement Award for Excellence in Human Resources Management
Kevin R. Ludemann	The Modern Languages Department Award
Kevin R. Ludemann	The Bryant University Good Citizenship Award
Kevin R. Ludemann	The Student Senate Service Award
Nina Marie Luiggi	The Female Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award
Nina Marie Luiggi	The Excellence in Applied Psychology Award
Kayla Dawn Michaud	The Environmental Science Leadership Award
Elizabeth Tayo Oluokun	The George M. Parks Award
Jonathan T. Ormsbee	The SAS Institute Award
Steven R. Page	The Jack H. Rubens Leadership in Finance Award
Anthony John Pasquarelli	The Information Systems and Analytics Department Award
Joshua Ryan Paton	The Excellence in Economics Award
Nicole Ann Salzano	The Anna M. & Jere St. Angelo '61 Accounting Award
Joel A. Schaefer	The Male Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award
Samantha Danielle Scoca	The Student Senate Service Award
Samantha Danielle Scoca	The Excellence in Marketing Award
Bryanna R. Seefeldt	The George J. Kelley Award
Bryanna R. Seefeldt	The President's List Sash
Amber Charlene Thomas	The Excellence in Biology Award
Elizabeth Katherine Wardwell	The John Hancock Insurance Company Award





## Senior Class Gift

The Class of 2018 has much to be proud of. We have excelled academically, athletically, and personally throughout our four years. Bryant has guided our transformation from curious and eager freshmen to confident and proud graduates.

It is now our turn to give back to the place we've called "home" for the past four years.

The Class of 2018 will pay-it-forward through its Senior Class Gift of an endowed study abroad scholarship. We believe that studying abroad is a transformative experience for a student, but know that financial barriers make it impossible for some students.

As soon-to-be alumni, we feel a responsibility to help the students who follow us, just as those before us have helped us to find our paths to success here. Last year, the Class of 2017 set a participation record of 72 percent. This year, our class is aiming to leave its mark by reaching the highest contribution rate in Bryant's history! To break that record, we need to reach 73 percent participation.

In addition to promoting the Senior Class Gift, the Senior Committee has planned events throughout the year for the Class of 2018. We kicked-off the year with a fall food truck event, gathered in Bello for a beer and wine tasting in February, and celebrated the 90s at Condesa in April. During our last week, we toasted with President and Mrs. Machtley and Tupper II at the Callahan House; reminisced as we watched our class slideshow on the Rooftop at Providence G; made some new memories at Patriot's Place; and danced the night away at Senior Ball at the Venus de Milo.

We would like to thank our Senior Committee for planning such wonderful events. Matt Raggi, Raveena Goyal, Shruti Kansara, Alex Ortiz, and Elizabeth Oluokun – your vision and thoughtfulness in planning these events made our Senior Year such a memorable one.

Also, a big thank you our advisors, Will Reddy and Jessica Cantone. Your guidance has meant everything to us. Thank you for putting in so much time and effort to help us plan our events and the Class Gift.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018. It has been an honor to serve as your Senior Committee Co-Chairs. See you at reunion. Go Dawgs!

-Molly Gearan and Jordon Pierre

## Senior Class Flag

Bryant University gratefully acknowledges the late George J. Kelley '39, '69H, Honorary Trustee Emeritus, for his generosity in providing ongoing financial support for the purchase and display of graduating class flags.

This year's flag was designed by seniors Elena Grigevich, Robert Lazzaro, Timothy Reale, and Rianna Susco. These students are all leaders of the Student Alumni Association.

"The Class of 2018 flag represents the Bryant Builds initiative that came to fruition during our time at Bryant University. This campaign served as the catalyst that transformed our campus infrastructure and further expanded the worldwide reach that the University enjoys. The motto, Expanding Our Horizons, reflects not only Bryant's physical growth but also that of its student body throughout our time on campus."

Senior Class Flag Committee  
Student Alumni Association







## From the Provost



Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the Office of the Provost and the Academic Affairs division, I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2018!

You have successfully completed a rigorous program of study and it has been our pleasure to watch you mature intellectually over the past four years. The Class of 2018 is a special class, and one that has enjoyed tremendous academic success while at Bryant.

During your time here, you experienced a campus life that inspires personal growth in a culture that excites intellectual curiosity, a love of learning and academic excellence. You are now Bryant ambassadors in the communities where you live and work, and are ideal representatives of our university's mission and academic quality. You are the future innovative thinkers that will impact the world in ways we cannot even yet imagine. Never settle for mediocrity; continue to embrace greatness. I wish you all much happiness and success in your future endeavors, and I look forward to reading about your many successes in the 21st century workforce!

Go Books. Go Bulldogs.

Glenn M. Sulmasy  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer



# From the Dean of Students

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Dear Graduates:

Congratulations to all of you for achieving your common goal of obtaining something that will open doors, create endless opportunities and launch your future. You now have something that no one can ever take away from you, a Bryant University degree. No doubt, your college years have gone by faster than you ever expected. Take time to savor the experiences you have gained alongside your fellow Bulldogs. Reflect on the rich personal and academic growth that you have experienced and be proud!

There is so much that brings joy and optimism about your generation and particularly the 2018 Bryant cohort. As a group, you have characteristics that help everyone to understand why you and your peers are commonly called the 'We Generation.'

Making others happy is a goal - it isn't something to wait for, you want to seize it now!

You believe that happiness is a choice, it doesn't happen by chance;

You love meaningful experiences, not collecting things;

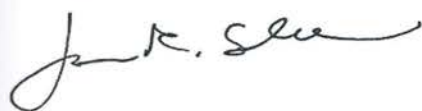
You like to live in the moment - this is often misinterpreted as a need for instant gratification. A more accurate interpretation is that you like embrace joy when and where you find it!

You find more success and satisfaction when pursuing your own unique happiness.

And now you find yourself moving out into a real-world in which many things are messed up. Being an optimistic generation, I have no doubt that you will find joy in the little things in life, which will provide you the strength and resolve to address the big things in life.

Class of 2018 as you approach your future, choose happiness! Don't feel that happiness is some elusive goal you need to chase throughout life. Happiness is a choice. Make that choice today!

Take care,



Dr. John Saddleire  
Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students





